FURTHER PROGRESS IS MADE IN

CEMENT PRODUCTION IN AFRICA

FROM OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT

London April 27, The news of progress in cement production in East Africa has its significance not only in the countries where cement exports are old-established but in West Africa where steps are being taken towards self-sufficiency in this product.

Almost simultaneously in September last year announcements were made in the Nigerian House of Representatives and by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Kenya that negotiations had been successfully concluded for the establishment of cement factories near Enugu in Nigeria and on the Athi River in Kenya.

Kenya's Athi River plant is the second cement factory in the Colony, and it is now announced that work of this factory, which is 20 miles rom n Nairobi, is to start immediately.

This factory, to cost in the region of £1,750,000, will initially have an output of 100,000 tons of cement per year. The other factory, at Bamburi on the coast north of Mombasa, is already in production.

The completion date will depend largely upon the shipment of plant from the United Kingdom; but ii is hoped to have the factory in operation early in 1957.

NEW RAILWAYS

Work has already begun on the ten-mile stretch oi railway which will link the company'- limestone concession near Sultan Hamud with the main line at Sunltan Hamud Station. This private siding will enable the limestone to be railed direct from the deposits to the factory at Athi River, where another mile-long stretch of railway is to be built.

The limestone deposits are within the Masai Reserve and the company will pay compensation to the Masai for the use of the material and a royalty on every ton will be paid to Masai District Council funds. In addition, two boreholes are to be provided free for the Masai grazing areas in the vicinity of the quarry.

TANGANYIKA PARTICIPATION

Other limestone will be obtained close to the factory and gypsum will be imported from Tanganyika.

The factory, which will occupy a 60-acre site about a mile from Athi River trading centre will be equipped with the latest cement manufacturing machinery. It is expected that the labour force employed will be between 200 and 250 workers.

One rotary kiln will be installed for the initial stage, but room has been provided in the plans for a further expansion if necessary.

The chairman and managing director of the comyany to operate the new factory is Mr. R. J. Hillard, who has just taken over from Mr. R. G. Vernon who has retired. Mr. Hillard, who was connected with the cement industry in Britain before going to Kenya to take charge of this project, was General Manager of the Sudan Railways until 1952.

WINNEBA DEER HUNT

No. 1 Coy. Defrauds As No. 2 Catches 5 Grown Deers

By H. K. Mould

REPORTS appearing in the Press about the Winneba Deer Hunt place emphasis wholly on the achievements of the No. 1 Company (Tuafo) while those of the No.2 Company (Dentsifo) have been relegated to the background. It is true that it was No. 1 Company who first brought a deer and placed it under the feet of the Omanhene. Deer Hunt custom stipulates that it is only that Company who are first to bring a deer before the Omanhene seated with his Chiefs, elders and distinguished spectators in the field are acclaimed to have won the palm of the day. But there were disconcerting factors which made the success of the No. 1 Company fraudulent. Also the No 1 Company brought a big disappointment to the people, specially visitors, many of whom were compelled by this sad state of affairs to leave the town before the celebrations came to an end. The Omanhene, his Chiefs and elders were also equally disgusted by this disappointment, and they left the field for home for this reason. The function was therefore robbed of one of its great highlights, when on the return procession from the field the Omanhene rides in palanquin to add more splendour to the occasion.

The fraud against the deer hunt custom was that the No. 1 Company after catching the deer hired a taxi (and I understand the owner is demanding the fare) and sped away the animal with it to where the Omanhene was seated. The custom is that the animal is carried aloft by the company to the front of the Omanhene. No. 2 Company on the other hand adhered strictly to this custom and that was the root cause why they were outpaced by the No.1 Company. A Correspondent in one of the Papers on the Deer Hunt was surprised because, to quote him, "the Number 1 Company appeared with the deer from a direction I least expected from behind us (the town side)". That was a travesty of Deer Hunt custom. The No. 2 Company would have been the winners of the day if they had adopted this out-of-way procedure in bringing the deer home since their headquarters close to the Omanhene's dais.

The No. 1 Company created disappointment by the fact that they kept the people waiting many hours on end for the return procession to start. Being the winners of the day custom demands that they should lead the return procession to the town. And this is one of the grand moments of the occasion. But some sections of the Company were still trying to track out a deer in the field. And not until the Omanhene had sent messengers to comb the field in the effort to inform them of the situation that they became aware that they had already caught a deer. It was then after mid-day and many of the visitors who had come to see the return procession dance had begun to leave for their districts, feeling disappointed by the No.1 Company. However, the No. 2 Company came to the rescue. They started the procession in place of the No. 1 Company to rekindle the flames of liveliness of the occasion.

Press reports were silent on the number of deer each side caught. This is serious omission. While the No. 1 Company caught only one young deer, described as sickly and one-eyed, the No. 2 Company caught five full-grown and healthy deer and they therefore became the cynosure of all eyes and won approbations from all quarters, especially the mass of the spectators from the districts.

Ihave also not seen a single picture of the No 2 Company in the Papers. This also is a sad affair and injustice to the No 2 Company. I suspect that press reporters of the Deer Hunt were all members of the No 1 Company, and I am wondering to which of the two Companies, the "Graphic" which featured the celebration prominently belong ?

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and applications are invited from qualified persons. The salary scale attached to the post which is, pensionable is £310 x £15—£370 per annum. The conditions of service are as laid down in Sessional Paper No. IV of 1951, as varied by Sessional Paper No. III of 1952 and subsequent directives.

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P.W.D. Gen. Sec.: "My Life Is In Danger

Yaro de Man: 'Nkrumah Will Never Control TUC'

A gang of CPP members and paid officials attacked members of the General Council (Executive) of the Trade Union Congress of the Gold Coast over the weekend. Kwatelai Quartey, a CPP driver has been arrested and the meeting has been unceremoniously adjourned indetifinitely. Bannerman-Menson, the General Secretary of the P.W.D. workers of the Gold Coast has declared: 'My life is in danger'. Yaro de.man, the influential General President of the Gold Coast Hospital Workers Union has also said: 'The T.U.C. will never be controlled by Nkrumah. It is an independent body'.

In the absence of Mr Techie-Menson M.L.A. the General President of the Gold Coast Trade Union Congress to a meeting at the College of Technology, Kumasi, last Saturday, Mr Eburay the Vice President took the chair for the aquarterly meeting of the General Council of the T.U.C. at its headquarters in Accra, a meeting of the Council about two weeks ago broke due to misunderstanding. Present at the meeting were more than a double number of thirty five members who constitute the Council. On demand for an explanation there was a reply of cat calls, 'Re-instate Tettegah; 'We want New T.U.C.; 'T.U.C. is broken down' and other such jargons from non-members present. This rude group was alleged to be led by Tawiah Adamafio, Z. B. Shardo , Kwatelai Quartey, one Nunoo former a nurse and other known CPP officials and members.

After some persuation on the understanding that no observers were allowed at general council meetings, all of them walked but only for few minutes to force the door open and return to create more commotion, fighting the little group with chairs and tables, and clubs. It is alleged that some of them were holding dangerous weapons. The chairman Mr Eburay was carried from his seat and thrown outside. The CPP gang far outnumber the T.U.C. General Councillors as a result, they took complete possession of the conference room. Mr Odam rang for the Police who arrived in jeeps and a truck.

Having been walked out by the Police after the arrest of Kwatelai Quartey, most of the gang dispersed but others held on to curse and threaten prominent members particularly Larbi Odam a former T.U.C. president and leader of the largest mercantile union in the country the U.A.C. and Bannerman-Menson the general secretary of the nineteen thousand members of the P.W.D. union. The two men and few others left the T.U.C. headquarters under Police protection.

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Mr Adlai Stevenson, potential United States President who arrived here last night for a three-day unofficial visit being the last country he is visiting on a tour of Africa. He is a guest of Commander Jackson of the V.R.P. with whom he was friendly during the latter's stay in America with his wife, Barbara Ward, the noted economist.

Many receptions intended for him have been cancelled due to the briefness of his stay. However, he is attending very limited ones. SEE EDITORIAL.

Obtains No Certificate Nii Bonne Is Fined £8

NII Kwabena Bonne III, OsuAlata Manche was on May 6, sentenced to a fine of £8 by Magistrate P. C. Holland at Court 'C', Accra for occupying building without a certificate of habitation on March 2.

Accused was represented by Barrister F. K. Apaloo who pleaded guilty on behalf of Nii Bonne. The charge was in respect of the beautiful Family House of the Manche at Christiansborg, recently renovated.

Allegation has it that accuset after getting permit to renovate the house in question, added some other structure to it, and occupied without his permission.

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Queen Receives Sir Charles Arden Clarke

London, Friday—The Court Circular published in London yesterday, (Thursday) states: "Sir Charles Arden-Clarke: Governor of the Gold Coast had the honour of being received by Her Majesty the Queen.

"DONT RETURN SIR CHARLES"

Cape Coast, Sat. May 7: The oldest political body composed of chiefs and people formed in the later part of the last century has demanded that the Governor of the Gold Coast, Sir Charles Arden Clarke who just left for a month's leave in London be no more returned to the Gold Coast, Reason? "He has over-strained the loyalty of the people". A cablegram to that effect was dispatched today by the Aborigines Rights Protection Society which has been meeting here since three days today

Aborigines To Col-Sec.

signed its president barrister Kobina Sekyi, M.A. and a leading statesman.

Says the full text of the dispatch to the Secretary of State for the Colonies Mr Lennox-Boyd:- "Aborigines Society in Conference assembled sends loyal greetings and asks first that Governor Arden-Clarke now in England be not returned to this country as Governor because he has over-strained the loyalty of the people secondly that present Government be suspended thirdly that interim Controller of all government funds and farmers' funds in Government hands be appointed pending presentation of New and Federal constitution by Natural Rulers and acknowledgment thereof by you and lastly that an interim Governor be appointed stop copy forwarded to Acting Governor stop original sent direct because few people have any confidence in present Government".

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PROTESTS AGAINST C.P.P MEDDLE

"NO DECISION WAS TAKEN ON SATURDAY NIGHT"

By Joe Bruce-Tagoe, Echo Reporter

The Administering Committee of the Gold Coast Trade Union Congress may call upon all Unions which are affiliaed to it to protest against the Convention People's Party interference in its affairs. This is occasioned by the action of a C.P.P. directed gang which after raiding a meeting of the General Council of the T.U.C. met to pass a resolution at the C.P.P. headquarters in the night of last Saturday reinstating J.K. Tettegah the dismissed general secretary.

Yesterday morning, Mr Tettegah went to the offices of the Trade Union Congress "on the strength of the resolution adopted by C.P.P. T.U.C." as an official of the T.U.C. revealed Mr Tettegah, however did not go to the office in the afternoon Mr. J. Ahinfu-Quansah Jnr. the Acting Secretary appointed by the Administering Committee is still occupying his post.

In an interview with Mr Larbi Odam, a member of the Administering Committee, he said that according to the constitution of the Trade Union Congress of the Gold Coast, fifteen people cannot constitute the General Council. 'the constitution says thirty five members popularly elected' This seriously undermines the C.P.P. action. For this reason, protest cablegrams have been sent to the headquarters of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in Brussels, the British Trade Union Congress and the International Labour Organisation of the United Nations. Protest telegrammes have also been sent to the Gold Coast Cabinet, the Prime Minister, Commissioner of Police, Commissioner of

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His Excellency the Governor, Sir Charles Arden—Clarke watching demonstrations on a coconut-oil producing machine at the Crystal Oil Mills during an inspection of Subsidiary Companies of the Industrial Development Corporation in Accra.

Gold Dollar Reserves Rise "Reassuring"

LONDON (By Air)—Britain's gold and dollar reserves rose by 19 million dollars last month and stood at 2,686 million dollars on April 30, the Treasury has just announced.

Defence aid received from the United States during the month was estimated at 17 million dollars. Thirteen million dollars were received in gold or dollars from the European Payments Union in respect of March, and two million dollars were paid to creditors of the Union in bilateral settlements.

These figures, it is considered in London, continue to show the favourable trend which has continued since February. In that month reserves were down 82 million dollars. This loss was reduced to 14 million dollars in March, and now the picture is one of 19 million dollars gain. The trend is satisfactory and reassuring.

"Constituent Assembly For Gold Coast"

Liberals Promise If Elected To Office

LONDON, May 9:— The Gold Coast will be among all the British Colonial territories in which Constituent Assemblies will be established at once for drafting any kind of self-governing Constitution desirable and suitable to their peoples if the British Liberal Party comes into power in Britain as from May 26 this year.

According to the Election Manifesto issued by the Liberal Party entitled "Crisis Unresolved", the foregoing is one of the main points stressed by the pary. Liberals will set up Constituent Assemblies in all the British Colonial territories to enable them prepare the type of Constitution they want so that self-gevernment can be easily granted to them.

The party also says that in view of the menace of nuclear weapons, the property of Britain is hanging in fire. It promises, if voted into power, to call on the Western powers to devote themselves to peace.

Liberals also want the charter of the United Nations to be changed and that Red China and all other Sovereign States be admitted to the United Nations :- Adjisam

ADLAI ON FACT FINDING TOUR

THE Prime Minister, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, and Mr. A. Casely-Hayford, Minister of the Interior, went to Accra Airport last night (Sunday) to greet Mr. Adlai Stevenson, former American Democratic presidential condidate.

Mr. Stevenson had just flown in from Johannesburg and he was accompanied by Mr. Lloyd Garrison, a well-known American lawyer.

Adlai is on a fact finding tour around Africa. It will be recalled that before seeking to stand for President in the last Presidential elections in the United States, Mr. Stevenson toured the world on a fact-finding mission.

He was a "hot favourite" for President, but was defeated by President Eisenhower. Adlai Stevenson is one of the most intellectual and shrewd politicians in America, but he is also a statesman. As an "off the cuff" orator he far outshines President Eisenhower.

Adlai come here from South Africa where before leaving Johannesburg he commented on the injustice of Apartheid (racial discrimination) as applied to industry in South Africa.

He is staying with Commander Jackson, the Special Commissioner, Volta River Project Preparatory Commission, and will be in the Gold Coast until May 11 tomorrow he will go to Kumasi by car.

This morning, he called on His Excellency the Officer Administering the Gevernment Mr. Gordon Hardow, on the Prime Minister and other Ministeri.

In the afternoon he visited the University College; and in the evening dined as the guest of the Officer Administering the Government.

Today (Tuesday) he will spend the day seeing the country and will pay a visit to Kumasi. In the evening he will be entertained at dinner by the Prime Minister.

Tomorrow Wednesday, May 11 Mr. Stevenson will carry out a few pritvate engagements. He will hold a press conference in the afternoon at the conference room of the Prime Minister.

Way Executive May Meet In Accra This Year

MR. J. S. Annan, Principal Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Health, and also an Executive member of the Gold Coast Youth Council, as well as the World Assembly of Youth leaves Accra by Air, at 9, 30. pm on Tuesday May. 10, on the first stage of his journey to Copenhagen, where

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POLITICAL IMPASSE

By ISAAC AKWEI

I LAY no claim to literary excellence nor do I pretend to possess any knowledge of political science and sophistic argument. My views on the present political situation in this country are the views of a simple and loyal native of the Gold Coast—a technician born and bred in the Gold Coast; of Edwardian upbringing; untempered for good or ill by any overseas education. I am like the otiose spectator standing by the wayside but taking count of all the activities of the roaring demagogues and political adventurers that pass by

From the tone of his statement published in a local daily of April 6 Dr Kwame Nkrumah Prime Minister of the Gold Coast and Life Chairman of the Convention Peoples Party, the party in power, believes and would have all of us too to believe that the Legislative Assembly as at present constituted is a democratic and lawful institution and that its directives to the government are supreme, lawful and enforceable. Dr Nkrumah cherishes the same opinion and expectation as regards the Constitution also. In my humble opinion the learned doctor is far out at sea.

QUESTIONABLE METHODS

The Gold Coast Legislative Assembly is not an essentially democratic institution. It is not composed wholly of freely elected representatives of the people. Many of the CPP members were selected by Dr Nkrumah personally in his capacity as life chairman of the CPP and skillfully, at the last moment, imposed upon constituencies much against the will of the officers and members thereof. These irregularly elected were before the election strangers entirely to their constituencies. But according to the life chairman, constituencies should just look up to himself and not necessarily to their representatives for the realisation of their needs. In other words, CPP representatives in the Assembly are mere automata. Candidates who did not yield to the dictates of Dr Nkrumah were publicly expelled from the party and branded as "rebels". To all these questionable methods and actions of Dr Nkrumah the overseas press were witnesses and they have published same.

With regard to the Constitution the Prime Minister states that in compliance with his request he received written representations from 131 councils, political parties and groups. He and His Excellency the Governor read the documents one by one. They invited representatives of some of the groups separately without one group knowing what the other had said. Upon conclusions drawn by him self and the Governor alone from private conversations with few individual bodies at different times and places and from their own interpretation of the 131 letters, they drew up a private constitution and imposed it upon the people of the Gold Coast collectively and individually. I do not think such a conduct of public affairs can go unopposed in any country of the British Commonwealth. The Governor is not bound by the constitution and can therefore be acquitted of complicity. The constitution therefore of Dr Nkrumah's own making an expression of his personal opinion and wish by which the country excepting himself can be governed by:

SUSPEND CONSTITUTION

There is nothing that can prevent an individual much more a whole country to stop further acquiescence or indifference in the application of a measure which is inimical to the welfare of their country. They are at liberty to stop, look and listen before deciding on a further course of action. The Constitution was not drawn with any respect for the simple principles of democracy. It is therefore an instrument unlawful, bogus and fraudulent with apologies. The Assembly is not composed entirely with representatives freely and democratically elected. It is therefore an institution equally unlawful, bogus and fraudulent. All the acts and deeds of the government are therefore ultra vires- unlawful. bogus and fraudulent. They should all be suspended forthwith pending ratification, modification or cancellation as the case may be by a competent body appointed and approved by the kings, chiefs and all responsible people of the country. This body will draw up a constitution of their own making with such modifications, if need be, to suit certain particular regions. They will be responsible for producing a constitution embodying such of our native institutions that are progressive and make us distinct and distinguished as an aboriginal nation. This is a job that has to be done quickly but with every caution. It is, of course, sensible to spend a little more time to determine a measure affecting the life and death of this country than to gallop carelessly and give opportunity to self interested demagogues and adventurers to ruin the country. After this we shall all go to the country to get the mandate of the people by a general election no more on the British or Party System but on a non-party system. I shall offer suggestions later.

If Dr Nkrumah is sincerely patriotic to the Gold Coast as a whole and well meant he should be advised to take wise counsel and that early and heed the demands of the responsible public and so dissipate the storm that is gathering thick in the political horizon. Youth like woman in Virgil is always a fickle and changeable creature. Since the arrival of Dr Nkrumah in this country the youth both by inspiration and practice have acquired the knowledge of the method and technique of overthrowing constituted authority by any means peaceful or violent. The British Imperial Government are witnesses. Youth, like the double edged sword, cuts both ways. and history both ancient, mediaeval and modern abounds with numerous instances of the tragic results of the folly of leaders leaning heavily on the youth for the gratification of their ambitions. In the new political set up that must come and is coming Dr Nkrumah should have just claim to the reins of the country and be offered a proper place if he behave properly after the birth of this new and different constitution which blended, would satisfy the aspirations of the people of this country with those of our ancient customs and institutions that are progressive.

Mobile Butcher's Van For Accra

THE Accra Ice Company which is a subsidiary of the United Africa Company of the Gold Coast Limited has imported a mobile butcher's van. The van is fitted with refrigerator units and divided into various compartments so that all kinds of perishable foodstuffs can be kept at proper temperature while in the van.

The van will visit the outlying districts of Accra and it is expected that a regular time-table which will include Tema and Canton ments will be drawn up.

Customers in those outlying areas can then expect to make their Ice Company purchases at a point convenient to their homes and not have to make the longer journey into the heart of Accra.

The van is already fitted up for business and as soon as the staff has had the requisite training it will be put into operation.

NANCY SPAIN

seeking the sun in Jamaica meets

Mme ROSE

SHE is the Rose of the Caribbean—dynamic 40-year-old Rose Agatha Leon, first woman Minister of a British Colony, the only Minister of either sex who has ever made a fortune out of beauty.

She believes that Jamaica is ripe for self-government: will one day be a great little nation.

I talked to Madame Rose about all this on the verandah of her chic little bungalow in the suburbs, where her daughters, Gloria (18) and Dorothy (6) were making a big flank movement to stay up past bedtime. Madame Rose found it hard to control them. She also has a son whom I didn't meet.

Madame Rose is tall for a Jamaican—5ft. 5½ins., she claims—and always wears high heels, unusual in an island where women normally move around in thick, low-heeled brogues.

"I don't feel comfortable or properly dressed without my heels," said Madame Rose, who learned the habit in New York when she was studying to be a cosmetic chemist.

'I love pink'

MADAME ROSE looks like a luscious chocolate and strawberry sundae, dressed as she always is in blush pink.

"I just love that pink," she confided, showing me her rosy bathroom. A cordon of ants was marching across the floor of pink tiles, dragging a dead cockroach, but this didn't worry Madame the way it worried me. There was also a lizard on the verandah.

Madame Rose's house is anybody's dream cottage, so I couldn't help fussing myself a little about the 100,000 shack dwellers in Kingston.

As Minister of Housing and Health, it is Madame Rose's business to provide houses for the Jamaicans left homeless by the hurricane of 1951. She has set her target at 10,000 one-room Government houses.

Taking lessons

IN addition to her £1,500 a year salary as Minister, she brings in a profit of about £900 a year from her Beautischool, where the island dusky beauties sign on in classes of 30 at a down payment of £17 2s. a nob. They emerge as full graduates of the Leon School after 18 months, complete with mortar board and jade green gown.

The girls learn hair pressing *(to take the kink out)*, face bleaching, eyebrow arching; and are marked out of 100 for each subject.

On graduation day, surrounded by basket, of flowers, they sing the school [illegible]

and swear the terrible Leon oath never to "bring disgrace to the school by any act of cowardice" and "never to desert the Leon method."

All this I learned when I was shown around the school by Mrs. Richards, Madame Rose's chief teacher at the Beautischool, a graduate herself. She showed me proudly the shampoo machine—a baby water geyser with a length of rubber hose attached and an old tin tray with a neckpiece hollowed out.

Madame Rose had the monopoly of cosmetic trade during the war, and longs to achieve it again. Her best-selling lines: Lady Glo face powder (in pink, sun tan, *not* black), Khous-Khous scent, face-fresheners.

The politician

SHE went into politics in 1945, when her street-corner speeches gained her applause.

Popularity was easily come by.

The Minister who runs her own beauty school

So was opposition. Crowds smashed up her motor-car and stormed the Beautischool, while the dusky pupils fled squealing through the vats of brilliantine to the back door. Madame Rose phoned the police, who took an hour arriving. She wired the Colonial Secretary to complain.

Rose Leon entered the Cabinet in 1949 and has stuck there, despite hecklers who say they will kill her.

In 1951 she made a trip to England to study parliamentary procedure. On her return there was a spirited debate. *"You're a liar!"* shouted Councillor Ken Hill, *"You're another,"* retorted Madame Rose. So much for the influence of Westminster.

Taking her all round, Rose Leon is typical of this beautiful, muddled, enchanted island where the sun brings so many beautiful flowers to fulfilment so quickly, where so little seems to be of lasting growth.

Never mind. It has plenty of charm. And so has Rose Leon, [illegible] says, which I think is a [illegible]: "We women lack the [illegible]

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BAFOUR AKOTO

"WE WILL WIN BYE-ELECTION"

DATE IS JULY 14

By Daily Echo Staffman

THE vacant seat in the Legislative Council for the constituency of Atwima-Nwabiaya in Ashanti is to be filled immediately. This is the decision which the Offices of the Legislature has taken and accordingly, the Speaker Sir Emmanuel Quist with his acting Clerk of the Assembly Mr K B Ayensu after consultations with higher authorities have decided that forty five days after the death of Assemblyman John Baidoo the CPP man representing that consitituency a bye-election must be held. The date is July 14, on Tuesday.

The death of former representtive John Baidoo occured on May 30 while returning from Tamale on the Kumasi Mampong Road following a collision with a lorry. He was driving and had his wife and driver in the car. At the funeral, two ministers of the Government attended heavily guarded by Police. That was the first time since August last year since either of them visited Kumasi.

Immediately following the death of John Baidoo the National Liberation Movement the dominant political body in Ashanti went into action, combing every town and village in the constituency. In an exclusive interview over the week end, Nana Bafour Akoto the National Chairman and leader of the N L M exclusively told the DAILy Echo that they are sure to win at the bye-election 'if even Nkrumah is sponsored by the CPP'.

He stressed the need for more Police guard whenever the election is to be held. 'We are going to be more watchful than watchdogs against any CPP tricks. We win if even all the millions of pounds given to the CPP are distributed among the voters here'.

Asked about the possible NLM candidate, Nana Akoto said that the N L M is a democratic institution and for that matter it would not like to impose its wishes upon the people of the constituency, Hence they would ask the people to submit their own man. 'Whoever the NLM supports should be sure of victory', he ended.

Efforts here to know the likely CPP man for the bye-election was abortive. However, a reliable CPP source said that one of the constituency officials will be nominated. The closing date for nomination is June 11.

Mr. Latham Goes On Leave Tomorrow

Mr. G. Ronald Latham, the United Kingdom Trade Commissioner in the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone and the Gambia, is leaving Accra next Tuesday (June 7, 1955) to go on leave and duty to Britain. He is travelling by the m. v. "ACCRA" Mr. Latham is due to return to the Gold Coast on the 12th December and during his absence he will be relieved by Mr. John B. Townend, the United Kingdom Assistant Trade Commissioner.

Dr Nkrumah To Make Important Statement

The Prime Minister of the Gold Coast, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah will make an important political speech at the proposed Convention People's Party's anniversary which will be celebrated in the city on June 12.

It was revealed to the Echo the propaganda vans of the party from other constitituencies in the country are expected to be in Accra before the anniversary. Other personalities of the CPP are also expected to come down to the city.

The Convention People's Party will be six years old on June 12 this year.

James Town Mantse To Chair D. D.' On 'Ghana Crisis'

Having declared that the 'Zerro-Hour is at hand, Mr Dzenkle Dzewu who has returned to Gold-Coast active-politics after some months will give his first political lecture at the Accra Community Centre on the subject 'Ghana Crisis' on Wednesday June 8. Nii Kofi Ankrashie 11, James Town Mantse will be in the chair.

Dzenkle Dzewu, will propound his political philosophy which he said would be 'reviving, regenerating, recreating, inspiring and wholly transforming'.

'D. D.', as he is popularly known in Gold Coast politics, told the Daily Echo 'Ghana must be saved at whatever cost; but it needs a high sense of integrity, absolute sincerity and true devoted service in the slogan of the hour.

Tolon Na Flies To America

THE Tolon Na, M.L.A., President of the Northern Territories Council, left Accra airport on Wednesday night for America to join a group of statesmen from Europe and Africa. These statesmen, led by Mr Ole Bjorn Kraft former Foreign Minister of Denmark, will travel together through Asia and the Middle East to meet leaders there on a basis of Moral Re-Armament. The mission has been described by the Foreign Minister of Iran as a "world enterprise to lift international relations into a new dimension."

The statesmen will be accompanied by the cast of Peter Howard's new musical play entitled "The Vanishing Island". The mission will number about one hundred and fifty people and will travel in special planes.

They have been invited by the Prime Ministers of Japan and Ceylon, the President of the Philippines, the Shah of Iran and his Foreign Minister, the Foreign Secretary of Iraq and other statesmen.

The Tolon Na will attend the World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament which has already started at Mackinac Island, Michigan, and where the world mission is making [illegible] final preparations.

TRIAL BY ORDEAL

DECEASED BODY WAS FOUND IN A WELL

By Benny Crenstil

"MY father was in a kneeling position with his hands tied behind him and his head drooping low on the ground from 12 noon to 5 p. m. When Lakpleku Kojo the first accused saw that he was about to die, he demanded £6 before he released him (deceased). At this stage the deceased was very weak and could not stand unsupported." Kwame Agbetey son of Agbetey Batse (deceased) who is alleged to have died as a result of trial by ordeal, disclosed this on June 3 at Court "A", Accra before Magistrate W. H. Gillespie when hearing on deposition in the sensational Lakpleku Trial by Ordeal case resumed.

Hearing on deposition continues on June 10 next when other children of the deceased and many others will tell the court what they know about the case.

Earlier, Dr. G. M. Edington Govt. Pathologist, Accra told His Worship that he saw a demonstration of the Trial by Ordeal on April 3, 1955 at the Korde Bu Research Institute. He described it and said that it consisted of two separate phenomena: (1) Ability of a pad-lock to lock itself and (2) the ability of a kneeling man to pull a cord tied round his neck by a single over-hung knot.

After an elaborate description of the demonstration, witness stated that in his opinion, no pad-lock could lock itself; and also that no danger would ensue if a cord was passed round the neck of a man in the way demonstrated to him. However if the free end of the cord passing through the seed burried in the ground was obstructed the loop round the neck would tighten appreciably and would prevent the circulation of the blood at that point.

This could cause death if the condition remained for some hours. Witness added that other factors too could be concerned in causing death. He then enumerated those factors: They were (a) suffocation. (b) prolong exposure to the sun and (c) mental shock and strain.

Continuing, the doctor declared that it was unlikely for a person to die some hours after his release from trial by ordeal. But it was possible for him to die if a heat stroke ensued. However, the person would remain ill till death.

The Prosecution led by A. S. P. Cobina next called Constable Kwame Krachi a police photographer stationed at Koforidua who took photagraphs of the body of the deceased at Odumase after it had been discovered in a well. The 10th. witness for the Prosecution, Kwame Agbetey, son of Ba-

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Another Mr. Ankrah

The chairman for the lecture held last Thursday by a group of U. G. leaders of Federalism in the Second Chamber was Mr..... Ankrah of the C.P. Education Council and NOT Mr. [illegible] Education Officer for the Accra Municipal Council.

THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY

Some Adventures Into The Tobacco Industry In The Gold Coast

By Eddy Offori-Atta

PERHAPS, very few people realize that a product so common place and relatively unimportant in this country as the tobacco leaf contains abundant source of wealth for the enterprising far mer and industrialist. In Virginia, it is a most important product, and it exerts considerable influen ce on the country's economy. In the United Kingdom, the tax on tobacco alone yields some £60 million which is more than enough to pay for the interest on the country's national debt. And yet, although conditions seem to favour its cultivation in this country, the industry has very few adherents.

Tobacco farms are to be found mostly in the Northern Territo ries and part of Ashanti. The largest tobacco farm in the coun try is the one at Damongo, owned acd run by the Gonja Develop ment Corporation. In the Dagom ba, Mamprusi, and Frafra dis tricts of the North very few families are complete without tobacco farms of their own. But these are generally very small, and economically unprofitable. The larger farms are either wholly or semi-owned by the Pioneer To bacco Company Limited. Perhaps the fact that the tobacco far mers do not fetch good prices for their products accounts for their disinterestedness in exten sive cultivation. (For every pound weight of tobacco leaf, they are paid 2d or 3d or so by the Pio neer Tobacco Company Limited.)

Some of the more ingenious elements of the area have there fore resorted to a policy of processing their tobacco into what the natives call "Tabba"; this, they snuff and put to other diverse medical uses. Those who manufacture more than enough to meet their personal require ments sell the surpluses, and these appear to fetch them an income of about twice or even thrice what they would have re ceived if they had sold the same weight of raw tobacco to the Pioneer Tobacco Company Limit ed. It is understandable why an industry with such great poten tialities should find so little support.

Such an industry should, I believe provide an interesting field of acti vity for the dormant Industria Development Corporation. The whole field should not be left to be exploited by the Pioneer Tobacco Company Limited. The I.D.C, Cigar Company can be extended to in corporate cigarette manufac ure so that the Corporation may take over and develop these small farms being run by the Northern farmers. This is one means of diversifying our agriculture, while at the sa e time preventing our ignorant Northern farmers from unnecessary exploita tion.

A few years ago, the tobacco tra de in this country was largely hand led by the United Africa Co. Ltd., who acted as agents for the British American Tobacco Company Limi ted. Later in the forties or there abouts, the Gold Coast Tobacco Company Limited was incorporated as a wholly owned subsidiary of the B.A.T.C. to take over distribution of B.A.T.C. products from the U. A. C. A year or two later, the Pioneer Tobacco Company Limited was also incorporated in this country. Both the G. C. T. C. and the P. T. C., I understand, have identical ownership. The two com panies, therefore, cannot be expected to compete with each other, and sooner or latter, one of them may be wound up.

The G. C. T. C. seems the more likely to be wound up, since if the P. T. C. began to function in full swing there would be locally manu factured cigarettes available to take the place of the imported ones. This policy was successfully follow ed up in Nigeria and it is not unlikely that it will be adopted here also.

The Pioneer Tabacco Company is a well organised modern firm which has succeeded in gaining fantastic concessions from the C.P.P. Govern ment. The company, it is understood, was allowed these concessions because it gave an undertaking to the Government to train Africans for responsible positions in the com pany's establishment. This, the com pany has failed to do, and the African employees of the company seem completely dissatified with what appears to be an anti-Afri can policy which the company is pursuing.

Already, this company has com menced operations, and its first brand of cigarettes, known as 'Tusker' is fast selling in the Northern Territories and Ashanti. Even down the Colony, traces of this brand are to be seen, although the original intention was to confine the brand to the North. A second brand, "Town Hall," has also been intro duced elsewhere in the Colony, and so the game will continue until, eventually, the company captures the whole market.

I will make it clear that I am not opposed to the setting up of foreign enterprises in this country. On the contrary, I am strongly of the opinion that if the vast econo mic resources of this country are to be exploited fully, then there is a great need for foreign capital. What I wish to emphasise is that the old days of exploitation are gone, and that foreign capital must now be willing to co-operate readily with available local capital. This re quired co-operation between for eign and local capital is absent in the PTC, and, on top of this, the company does not seem willing to offer sufficient opportunities to capable Africans. This is a situa tion which the new Gold Coast will not, and connot, tolerate.

I shall here refer briefly to the American "invasion" of the British tobacco market. When the Ame rican Tobacco Company purchased the British firm of Ogden Ltd., in 1901 and determined to capture the British market, the British ma nufacturers put up a stubborn re sistance. Thirteen of the leading firms combined to produced a corporate entity, "The Imperial Tobacco Company (of Great Bri tain & Ireland) Ltd. The autho rised capital of the new company was £15 million.

The "Times" described the new company as "an amalgamation formed not to secure the monopoly of a particular business, but to re sist a hostile invasion." The tobac co war which followed was fierce and expensive. As would be ex pected, the British consumers, whose strategic importance in a "war" of this kind was considera ble, pledged their support to the Imperial Tobacco Company Limi ted. and the Americans soon reali zed the practical impossibility of their new venture. The result was that an agreement was reached whereby the Americans sold back the Ogden firm to the British; the B. A. T. C. was then formed to take over the export business of the two companies.

The point here, is that this sin gular act of economic nationalism demonstrated by the British is worthy of imitation by this coun try. Industrial development in this country, however, has not reached such a stage as to make a similar alliance among interested African firms equally effective. This, however, does not prevent the I.D.C. from so organising its operations as to be able to com pete effectively with the P.T.C. I am quite sure that if the I.D.C. will only make a start most of the disgruntled African trained personnel in the company's em ployment will resign and join the I D. C.

Cyprus Given New Coinage Decimal System

LONDON, Aug. 8: Decimal cur rency has been introduced in Cyprus. In the new currency the pound will remain as a stand ard unit, but it will be sub divided into one thousand mils, instead of shillings and piastres.

The coinage, consisting of 100 mils, 50 mils, 25 mils, 5 mils and 3 mils denominations has been struck by the Royal Mint.

The highest three denominations have been struck in cupro-nickel, in the same metal as the United Kingdom halfcrown, and the low est two denominations in bronze, in the same metal as the United Kingdom penny.

All the coins bear on one side the crowned effigy of the Queen.

The designs on the other side of the coins are intended to symbolize the island's natural and cultural characteristics. The themes were suggested by the Cyprus Government in consulta tion with their Director of Anti quities.

One design is of a ship. It is based on a painting on an ancient jug found in Cyprus. It repre sents the trade of the island. Another is a symbolic tree, based on a Mycenaean ivory found at Engomi. The chevrons at the side of the tree are taken from many Mycenaean vases found in Cyprus. It represents the forest wealth of Cyprus. A third is a bull's head, based on an ancient coin of Soli. It represents the agricultural activities of the is land. The mining interests of Cyprus are represented by an ingot bearer, based on a bronze statue in the British Museum depicting a votary carrying a copper ingot. Another design is of a fish, based on a design found on an iron age vase. It represents the sea around the island.—Commonwealth News Agency.




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