

Uneasy Peace Has Returned to Strife Torn Kenya, Home Of Mau Mau Attacks

With the end of the Mau Mau war—officially called the "Emergency" by the British—an uneasy peace has returned to Kenya.

On this Texas-sized British Crown Colony on Africa's east coast live people of several races. Some 90,000 Europeans share the country with 185,000 Asians and Arabs, and 5,000,000 Africans.

Less than an hundred terrorists of the Kikuyu tribe remain at large and their energies are apparently focused on simply staying alive. They are unarmed and refuse to surrender. Many are alone; the surviving groups seldom exceed two or three men.

They hide by day in the cold, wet forests on Mount Kenya and the Aberdare Range, trapping small animals for food and using the skins for clothing. At night, they emerge to steal vegetables from European and African farms.

Of the 80,000 Mau Mau once held in detention camps, fewer than 5,000 are reported still behind barbed wire. Under the terms of a government rehabilitation program, former Mau Mau have been persuaded to resume constructive lives on the Kikuyu Reserve.

"The main thing is to give these people a goal—something to make them see that there's hope for them to get back on their feet," said T. G. Askwith, Commissioner for Community Development and Rehabilitation.

Heartily tired of bloodshed, many former Mau Mau have embraced Christianity, education, and new farming methods. Near Embu they have irrigated a large stretch of dry plains for rice growing. This scheme will draw many Kikuyu settlers from the overcrowded land in the Reserve.

Much is being done to improve the lot of the African in Kenya, but the land problem—the root cause of the Mau Mau movement—still remains. More than a million Kikuyu are packed into relatively small Reserve, an area of fertile plateau country surrounded by Waterless plains and bush. There is no place for the excess population to go.

A political issue was made of the fact that 12,000 square miles of

highlands are owned by European settlers. Most of the region was ranch country obtained by treaty from the pastoral Masai who moved elsewhere. But Kikuyu leaders told their people that the settlers had stolen their land.

When Mau Mau was launched, the basic aim was to drive the Europeans from Kenya, regain the lost lands, and restore the ancient tribal traditions which missionary influence had broken down.

Mau Mau failed because its brutality alienated the majority of the Kikuyu tribe. When terrorists tried to recruit in his area, Chief Njiri rallied his clan and marched into the Aberdare forest, where the Mau Mau were strongest. He sent for the biggest Union Jack available, hoisted it on a 60-foot flagpole, and resisted all attacks.

In the extremely fertile Kikuyu Reserve, British agricultural experts have taught the people to terrace the hillsides and improve their living standards by growing cash crops like coffee, tea, and pineapples. An extensive reforestation program is conserving soil and water. A once classic example of land abuse is now a model of proper land usage.

FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION: I heard that tomatoes were once considered poisonous. Is this true?

ANSWER: Yes. A hundred years ago tomatoes were just a curiosity and considered poisonous. Today, however, more than 750,000 acres of tomatoes are grown in the U. S., placing them third only to white potatoes and corn in acreage. For the best flavor and color let tomatoes ripen in a dry place at between 55 and 70 degrees. Let them ripen in the light or dark, but never place on a window sill. Bright sunlight causes abnormal, uneven coloring.

School Placement Officers To Visit TVA Dams

Placement officers from nine southern universities and colleges will visit TVA facilities in the Chattanooga, Wilson Dam, and Knoxville areas August 5-7.

TVA employment officers each will be accompanied by interested seniors. The placement officers assist students in these contacts and serve a liaison between the students and the visiting employment officers.

The placement officers will spend their first day in Chattanooga, where they will confer with officials in the Office of Power, see the power dispatching board, network analyzer, computing center, and other TVA installations. On the following day they will visit Muscle Shoals, Alabama, for an inspection of the chemical laboratories, the new Wilson Dam lock under construction, and the malaria research laboratories. The final day will be spent in Knoxville area where they will visit the TVA hydraulic laboratory in Norris, the Norris Dam and the Kingston Steam Plant.

The group includes: Greg Hughes, Clemson College; Joe Guthridge, Georgia Institute of Technology; Prof. Everett Elsey, University of Kentucky; Maurice Mayberry, University of Florida; Robert Leshe, Mississippi State University; William Simpson, North Carolina State College; Howard Lumsden, University of Tennessee; Dr. William Cato, Virginia Polytechnic Institute; and Miss Dorothy Winton, Vanderbilt University.

One hundred citizens of 22 foreign countries studied various phases of the TVA program during the 1959 fiscal year, TVA said recently. This is the largest number of trainees in any one year since 1942, the first year TVA accepted sponsored foreign citizens for intensive training courses.

Korea sent 26 trainees. Second was Pakistan with 14. The Republic of China and India tied for third place with 10 each. Periods of study with TVA ranged from one to 21 weeks. Average stay

L. M. Williams Named To Railroad Board

Langbourne M. Williams, board chairman of Freeport Sulphur Company, has been elected a director of Southern Railway Company, it was announced by Harry A. DeBartolo, the railway's president.

The election of Mr. Williams to Southern's board fills the vacancy created by the death of Robert M. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. Williams was born in Richmond, Virginia, and now maintains his home at Rapidan. He was graduated from the University of Virginia in 1924, and from Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration in 1926.

Joining Freeport in 1930 as vice president and treasurer, he became president of the company in 1933, and chairman in 1957.

Mr. Williams is a director of Texaco, Inc. and of B. F. Goodrich Company; a trustee and former chairman of the National Industrial Conference Board; a trustee of the Virginia Institute for Scientific Research, and a member of the University of Virginia Graduate Business School Sponsors.

He is also a member of the Board of Visitors of Tulane University and of the Board of Governors of the Society of the New York Hospital.

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