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SHOULD 20,000,000 EMIGRATE?

The King meets the Dominion delegates, whose conference shapes the future of the Commonwealth. Evatt, of Australia, Robertson, of Canada, Louw, of South Africa, Fraser, of New Zealand, Nehru, of India. On the greatest problem facing the British Commonwealth, Australia's John Beasley says.....

SPEECH

Four out of every five Britons live and work in cities, in cities short of living space. To maintain an average living standard, their drive to export is intensified. For many, life is too restricted. Increasing numbers look to the Empire for their future and the emigrants' reason is always the same.

SPEECH

Here is the problem, in terms of living space and population. On a small island of less than a hundred thousand square miles, almost fifty million people! Less than half that number provides the white population of the whole of the vast Dominions.

Canada, the biggest Dominion, needs millions more industrial workers to exploit its unlimited resources for the world's benefit...Australia remains the most thinly populated country in the world. Yet from its harbours flows the surplus of a fertile continent to feed Britain, the Mother Country, being unable to produce from her own fields enough for half her people. With a climate ranging from temperate to sub-tropical, Australia grows everything.

In South Africa and self-governing Rhodesia, the land possibilities have hardly been tested. Incalculable stores of mineral wealth and power are wasted through lack of skilled men and women to exploit them. In the wide lands of the Rhodesian plateau a handful of British pioneers have laid the foundations of new towns where a full and spacious life surrounds them. What they have done, others can do, to solve the problem of the Commonwealth. Its future lies in the migration, within a few years, of skilled men and the industries they run, to these lands of opportunity.