

MAU MAU VICTIMS FUNERAL

From the Cathedral of the Highlands in Nairobi are borne the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ruck and their six-year-old son, Michael - a British family brutally murdered by the Mau Mau. Here in a lonely farmhouse, far from the comparative safety of the city, police dogs, found the Rucks stabbed to death. But the Mau Mau strike not only at Europeans; their own people are often among their victims. Thick woods and jungle have to be penetrated to find the murderers, so Samburu tribesmen, who know the country well, join in the manhunt.

Incensed by the murder of the Ruck family, two thousand Europeans assemble outside Government House in Nairobi. Mr. Michael Blundell, leader of the European Elected Members (a body formed by the white settlers) strongly criticizes as ineffectual the present action being taken by the Government. Feeling runs high among the settlers, for it is the ultimate aim of the Mau Mau to drive them all from Africa. Refused audience with the Governor, Sir Evelyn Baring, the demonstrators attempt to storm Government House.

Nairobi police finally manage to subdue the demonstrators and the crowd is dispersed. Meanwhile, the trial still continues of Jomo Kenyatta, suspected leader of the Mau Mau, and many of his followers. Leading defence counsel for the accused is Mr. D.N.Pritt, Q.C. who recently failed to stop the trial on the grounds of lack of evidence. Kenyatta denies all charges and claims that he only seeks co-operation with Europeans in Kenya.