

Commentary for

"RHODESIAN SPOTLIGHT" NO. 60.

THE P.M. EXPLAINS.

The Prime Minister held numerous informal discussions in Nyasaland to explain the implications of the Federal Provinces Act. He met a group of Africans in the Ramsay Hall in Blantyre and readily answered innumerable questions. Returning to the Ramsay Hall later he addressed leading members of the Asian community, and clarified many of the points put to him, particularly by Mr. Sacramento who is a barrister and President of the Asian Convention.

Europeans were addressed in a Linde Tobacco Auction Mart. It seems certain that many were a great deal impressed by what he had to say. At political meetings and at informal gatherings he explained the government's viewpoint with tireless energy and endless patience. Seldom has a Prime Minister been at such pains to gain similar approval and sweep away misunderstandings. No question was left unanswered.

During his stay at Lilongwe he visited the estate of Nyala a master farmer and outstanding business man who began farming with a few acres, and now has 115 acres under full mechanisation, yielding about £2,000 a year. There was little fuss raised about the P.M.'s visit - if there was a flap on it was the ducks who were flapping.

NEW BRIDGE TO INYANGA.

Mr. G. Ellman Brown, Minister of Roads accepts a new bridge over the Odyanji River from the contractors. It is named after Mr. Estcourt Palmer, son of a pioneer in the Eastern Districts, and is opened by his wife. The new Estcourt Palmer Bridge is on the road from Utali to Inyanga and makes for easier year-round access to a popular holiday resort.

THE VISIT OF EARL HOME.

Arriving at the Prime Minister's office in Salisbury is the British Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, Lord Home. He was in the Federation for three weeks. Among matters discussed with the P.M. was Dominion status. Lord Home presented a stone from the fabric of the Palace of Westminster, to the Speaker of the Federal Assembly. He hoped it would be a link between the two countries and the two parliaments.

For the Countess Home a special outing was arranged on Lake Malilaine - a tour of the Lake in the Warden's launch. It is perhaps symbolic of Central Africa that this modern man made stretch of water is the site of some Bushman paintings dating back possibly to Prehistoric times.

Visiting the University, Lord and Lady Home took a keen interest in a great Institution of which the Queen Mother laid the foundation stone and is noted Chancellor. Education on all levels must play a tremendous part in the future of the Federation and its relationship with the rest of the Commonwealth.

One of the places visited by the Secretary for Commonwealth Relations was Livingstone, where a civic reception awaited them. Few places are more likely to fire the imagination, for here the memory of the great Missionary and Explorer still lives, and the thunderous Falls he named after his Queen cascade down in perpetual splendour.

Flying north, Lord and Lady Home were met in Lusaka by Sir Arthur and Lady Benson and a number of prominent people. It was in Lusaka that he visited the Gilbert Rennie School named after a previous Governor of Northern Rhodesia.

Sir Robert Armitage was waiting to extend Nyasaland's welcome at Blantyre Airport. The gist of many of Lord Home's speeches was that racial understanding and goodwill are capable of making the Federation a nation of great strength, if we stop squabbling and get on with the job.

REALLY GOOD NEIGHBOURS.

To **Umtali's fine Courtauld Theatre**, is now added the **Queens Hall**, a further example of the generosity of **Major and Mrs. S.L. Courtauld**. Given to the people of **Umtali** the **Queen's Hall** will serve many cultural purposes, and incorporated numerous interesting features in its modern design and decor. **Sir Roy and Lady Welensky** came to **Umtali** for the opening.

The **Courtaulds** settled just outside **Umtali** in 1950. Great lovers of beauty they were largely responsible for establishing the **Rhodes Centenary Art Gallery** in **Salisbury**. But in many ways **Umtali** is deeply indebted to these two kindly people who came to stay.

Tonight the **Queen's Hall** is a blaze of light, tonight it comes to life. Bathed in a soft glow the auditorium is packed. On the stage **Sir Roy Welensky** performs the opening, paying warmhearted tribute to **Umtali's** benefactors. And as an expression of gratitude, for the first time in its history, **Umtali** bestows the freedom of the town upon **Major and Mrs. Courtauld**, an honour richly deserved and loudly acclaimed.

~~Sir Roy Welensky~~
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A FINE COMMUNITY EFFORT.

Salisbury's Hindus are now building a new **Community Hall**. Arriving to lay the foundation stone **Sir Robert Tredgold** was garlanded and greeted with a dance of welcome. This was performed by children of the **Salisbury Hindu School** who scattered rose petals.

Mr. J.B. Patel said the new **Community Hall** would cost 50 thousand pounds, 30 thousand of which had already been collected. The **Acting Governor General** officially laid the stone. Then much as **Europeans** might break a bottle of **Champagne**, a **Hindu Priest** broke a **cocconut** over the stone. This was followed by a most charming traditional **Indian dance**, the **dance of the Lights**. The symbolic significance of the little candles is that the new **Hall** will lighten and brighten the way to the greater culture and knowledge of **Salisbury's Indian Community**.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR GENERAL ARRIVES.

Arriving in **Salisbury** as the successor to the late **Lord Llewellyn** is the new **Governor General of the Federation**, **Lord Dalhousie**. There was a large crowd present as **Lord Dalhousie**, as representative of **Her Majesty**, preceded **Lady Dalhousie** down the gangway. Their first welcome on **Rhodesian soil** came from **Sir Robert and Lady Tredgold**.

Next **Sir Roy and Lady Welensky** were presented. **Sir Roy** had already met **Lord Dalhousie** in **England** prior to his appointment, and now offered cordial good wishes for a successful and pleasant term of office. Similar sentiments were expressed by **Mr. Garfield Todd**, **Premier of Southern Rhodesia**.

His Excellency was accorded a **Guard of Honour**, and following the inspection, he and **Lady Dalhousie** received dignitaries of the **Government** and the **Church**, representatives of **Foreign and Commonwealth countries**, and leading citizens of the **Federation**.

And so to the outskirts of **Salisbury** where the **Mayor, Councillor L.J. Boshoff** waited to extend the **Capital's** welcome - a welcome which many of the citizens extended personally.

Tracing his ancestry back to **William the Conqueror**, **The Earl of Dalhousie** is, at 42, the youngest **Governor General** in the **Commonwealth**. One of his ancestors was **Governor General of India** a hundred years ago. And so, reviving the old family tradition, he drove through the crowd lined streets of **Salisbury** on his way to **Government House**. A close friend of the **Royal Family** he will do much to strengthen the ties existing between the **Federation** and the **Crown**.

And so to **Government House** where the final stages of his arrival were completed with the searing in and the taking of the **Oath of Allegiance**.

Later **Lord and Lady Dalhousie** relaxed in the garden with two of their five children, all of whom we hope to meet at some future date.

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DESCRIPTION:

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Length: 129 feet.
Title: 7 feet.

Background - Music and Commentary.

NEW BRIDGE TO INYANGA.

The new Estcourt Palmer Bridge is opened between Umtali and Inyanga.

Length: 42 feet.
Title: 7 feet.

Background - Music and Commentary.

THE VISIT OF EARL HOME.

The British Secretary for Commonwealth Relations tours the Federation.

Length: 222 feet.
Title: 7 feet.

Background - Music and Commentary.

REALLY GOOD NEIGHBOURS.

The Freedom of Umtali is conferred on Major and Mrs. Courtsauld for their many public benefactions.

Length: 121 feet.
Title: 7 feet.

Background - Music and Commentary.

A FINE COMMUNITY EFFORT.

Sir Robert Tredgold lays the Foundation Stone of a new Hindu Community Hall in Salisbury.

Length: 102 feet.
Title: 7 feet.

Background - Music and Commentary with effects.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR GENERAL ARRIVES.

The arrival of the new Governor General, Lord Dalhousie and Lady Dalhousie, in Salisbury.

Length: 197 feet.
Title: 7 feet.

Background - Music and Commentary.

Length	813 feet.
Titles	42 feet.
Main Titles	66 feet.
End Title	23 feet.

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