

TANGANYIKA INDEPENDENT

The sun shone upon the harbour at Dar es Salaam; and sunny, too, was every heart in the city itself; and not only in the city, but throughout Tanganyika. A new nation had arisen: Independence had been achieved. And flying in to represent the Queen at the historic ceremonies was the Duke of Edinburgh.

H.R.H. was welcomed to Tanganyika by the Governor, Sir Richard Turnbull, his wife and Mr. Julius Nyerere, the Prime Minister. For him, what tremendous hours lay ahead in the three days of the Duke's visit. 39 years old, graduate of Edinburgh University, Premier Nyerere has brought his nation to the promised land of independence.

Tanganyika was German East Africa before the first world war. In the peace settlement it came under British mandate. And under liberal rule it moved slowly forward to the day when it would achieve self-government. Visitor from Kenya was Jomo Kenyata, probably sharing Nyerere's dream of an East African Federation.

Floodlit on the glassy water of the harbour were British Men-of-War. It was approaching midnight, and the ceremony in the National Stadium, with a military Tattoo to begin with.

New colours were brought on to the parade ground. Their presentation marked a change of name: The King's African Rifles, will now be the Tanganyika Rifles.

Almost on the stroke of midnight the Governor and the Prime Minister saluted the new flag.

The next day's sun rose on Independent Tanganyika. Not however, a holiday for everybody. There'd be a spot of domestic trouble if the men went home to an empty table.

The new flag flew at the National Stadium, as the Duke read a personal message from the Queen and added his own congratulations and good wishes. He then handed to Premier Nyerere the Constitutional Instruments.

Everyone in Britain and the Commonwealth wishes well to the independent state of Tanganyika.