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Here is a sidelight on the situation in Kenya, where ~~Mr~~
headed by ~~Mr Elliot~~ *Mr Walter Elliott* is a delegation of Conservative and Labour M.P.'s
^ ^ on a tour of fact-finding. On the one side, they inspected a
new housing estate at Port Tudor, where the Municipality are
putting up modern homes to be let at cheap rentals to African
families..... and Mr Wakefield M.P. is lending a shovel.

So much for the activities of peace; But a few miles from the
township of Nyeri, Kikuyu men and women are digging defence ditches
of a new Guard Post --- building a stronghold against the attacks
of Mau Mau. And in conversation with a Kikuyu Home Guard, Mr Elliot
is gathering material for his report to Parliament. Here, during the
the emergency, it is necessary to keep the youngsters fully occupied
with games --- organised by the Kenya Police to keep them out of
mischief during slack periods.

During their tour of the district, the M.P.'s inspected crops
that had been grown by prisoners. They talked also with Mrs
Breckenridge, wife of the Labour Officer, who is the only white
woman at the post. Then --- to the Athi Rehabilitation Camp for
Mau Mau prisoners. This is situated in the open veldt, about
twenty-five miles from Nairobi. One of the Rehabilitation officers
at this camp, is the son of a Kikuyu chief who was murdered by
Mau Mau. Behind the bars are the worst of the prisoners; one of
them attempted to present a petition to the delegation from London.