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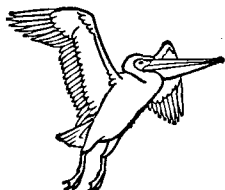


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British Africa today assumes a vital importance for citizens of the United Kingdom, and African affairs are very much in the news. Our food supplies ten years from now may well depend on the outcome of the immense Ground Nuts Scheme which is being developed in Tanganyika, and in West Africa and East Africa events are stirring which bear closely upon the fortunes of the Empire. To many of us this great continent is still as remote as a Rider Haggard romance, and *Africa Emergent* is the authoritative book which will at last put it in the picture. Professor Macmillan first examines the complicated basis of African tribal society, and then summarizes the impact upon the African of the various historical phases of white 'settlement'. He devotes a long and revealing section of the book to British policies of Colonial government, and puts into perspective the exacting problems of building up adequate services of health, agriculture and education. In later chapters he analyses dispassionately the awakening political consciousness of the African, and surveys the difficult road

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Introduction to 1938 Edition

VERY broadly the plan of this book is as it were an 'ecological' study of African development; a treatment emphasizing the influence on the actors in the drama of those forces of physical nature which the fashionable stress on racial contacts rather avoids or neglects. The aim has been to picture essentials rather than to photograph the shifting African scene.

The criticisms passed are perhaps sufficiently widely distributed to secure my acquittal on any charge of partisanship; it is part of my theme that positive doings in Africa have at almost every point been determined largely by force of difficult, imperfectly understood conditions and circumstances, and that mere denunciation is usually out of place. My hope is that the experience of many different parts thus brought together may throw new light on what Africans themselves are capable of and win more understanding of and sympathy for the 'emergent' African who must be the architect of the future.

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My acknowledgments are due in the first place to Sir P. E. Mitchell who as Mr Mitchell, Secretary for Native Affairs in Tanganyika, originally set me on a wider African quest, and spared no pains to make my East African travels profitable. Next, on a full but hurried visit to Nyasaland my kind host Sir T. Shenton Thomas made it clear to me that without some knowledge of the West Coast any African education is defective. A year later Sir Shenton himself, as Governor of the Gold Coast, and Sir Donald Cameron in Nigeria, did their best to remedy this omission. Then and later the Rhodes Trustees generously, and quite unconditionally, helped me to avail myself of these opportunities, and to complete this book.

Only those who know the hospitality of the tropics can have any conception of my further debt to hosts and instructors innumerable. This book owes everything to individuals, many of whom have forgotten my existence, others

whom I might fail to recognize if I met them. To these I would say that if they will give me the opportunity I think I shall be able to convince them that my recollection of their kindness and of what they taught me is fresh and green.

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Preface to Penguin Edition 1949

THE ten years that have passed since this book was originally drafted have seen one great, fundamental, change. In those days it was often necessary for outsiders to fight on African behalf. Today, beyond question, almost all depends on the African peoples themselves.

For the rest, the essentials of the African picture stand as then drawn. This Penguin edition embodies some further experience, particularly of West Africa before and during the war; it is also an opportunity to try to make smoother reading of some rough places. Condensation has often been easier for the satisfactory reason that many points once calling for laboured argument admit now of blunt statement; also because some heresies formerly rampant can now be ignored altogether. The first-hand account of the debates that raged in South Africa for twenty years after the 1913 Land Act Chapter VII in the first edition) is embodied in a new appendix. 1939 is in most respects the terminal date. A new last chapter outlines the main features of the post-war situation.

My thanks are due to Mr K. Howard Drake, late of the Royal Empire Society's Information Department, for bringing the statistics of population and trade up-to-date: also to the B.B.C. for permission to reproduce some pages of a war-time memorandum prepared for them, descriptive of life and opinion in South Africa.

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Appendix II

POPULATION AND TRADE STATISTICS

	AREA IN SQUARE MILES	POPULATION *			EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		Based on Earlier Census or on Estimates except where otherwise stated			1932	1935	1938	1945	1932	1935	1938	1945
		Africans	Euro-peans	Asiatic or mixed								
Basutoland ¹	11,716	624,605	1,678	885	308,278	331,145	401,512	501,269	455,111	588,331	749,126	1,624,734
Bechuanaland	275,000	260,064	1,899	3,793	159,870	260,204	375,719	695,807 ⁽¹⁹⁴³⁾	176,003	310,562	361,316	556,380 ⁽¹⁹⁴³⁾
Gambia	4,068	Total, 237,152			606,514	496,704	288,951	773,737	297,841	513,287	277,440	1,041,635
Gold Coast	91,843	3,959,510	Non-Africans, 3,182		7,892,519	9,971,133	15,425,496	15,743,607	5,605,219	7,956,780	10,380,323	10,954,187
(including Togoland)												
Kenya (and Uganda)	219,730	3,852,000	23,418	109,998	5,726,590†	8,473,261†	10,813,171	19,135,144	4,874,572†	5,726,590†	8,004,690	13,806,871
Nigeria (with British Cameroons)	372,674	Total over 22,000,000			9,628,944	12,049,643	9,701,084	17,225,690	7,245,943	8,299,297	8,632,292	15,746,814
Northern Rhodesia ²	4,745	1,400,000	21,881	1,926	2,705,685	4,798,538	10,134,841	11,689,485	1,959,555	3,013,678	5,223,693	7,317,225
Nyasaland ³	37,374	2,178,013	1,948	2,804	788,998	769,766	1,002,675	1,876,063	740,385	656,745	833,824	1,620,822
Sierra Leone	27,925	1,766,613	651	1,216	932,773	1,583,834	2,388,929	1,635,281	1,248,346	1,214,315	1,500,342	3,718,162
Somaliland	68,000	Estimated at between 500,000 and 700,000			164,867	226,759	207,548	231,155 ⁽¹⁹⁴⁴⁾	306,634	325,491	728,050	839,662 ⁽¹⁹⁴⁴⁾
Southern Rhodesia ⁴	150,333	1,607,000	82,382	7,400	5,387,251	6,958,343	11,883,000 §	18,032,487	4,272,127	6,555,997	9,759,000	12,529,742
Swaziland	6,705	153,270	2,740	705	71,407	100,176			No Statistics Available			
Tanganyika	362,688	5,437,069	16,112	46,500	2,401,898	4,311,158	4,050,734	8,521,795	2,003,142	4,311,158	3,246,830	6,744,327
Uganda	93,981†	3,926,528	2,553	27,573					Included with Kenya			
Union of South Africa	102,892,610 §	77,454,060	32,812,724	75,345,271	95,886,917	112,385,005

¹ 1946 census

² 1946 census (Europeans only)

³ 1945 census.

⁴ 1946 census.

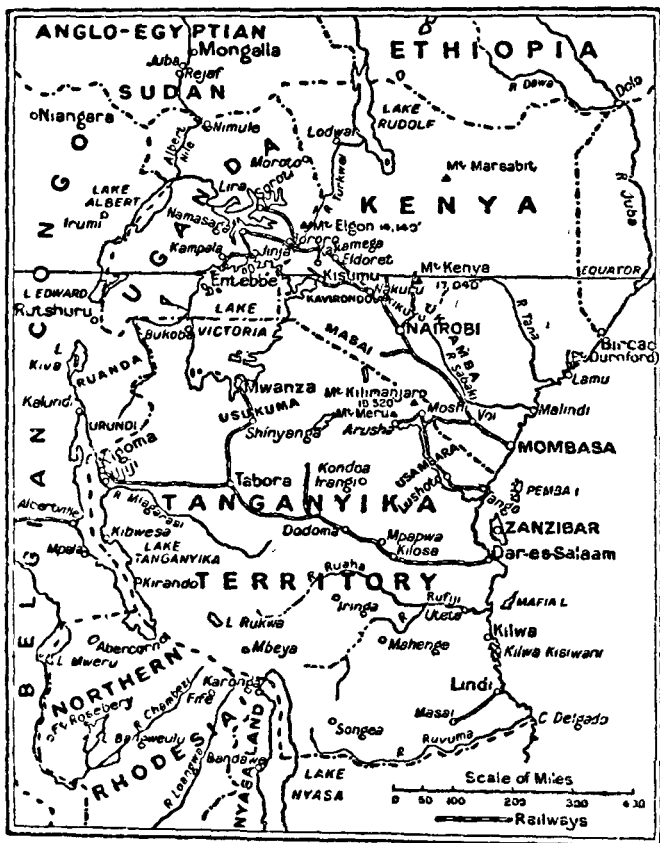
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† These figures include Uganda

‡ Including 13,680 of lake

§ These figures include gold bullion

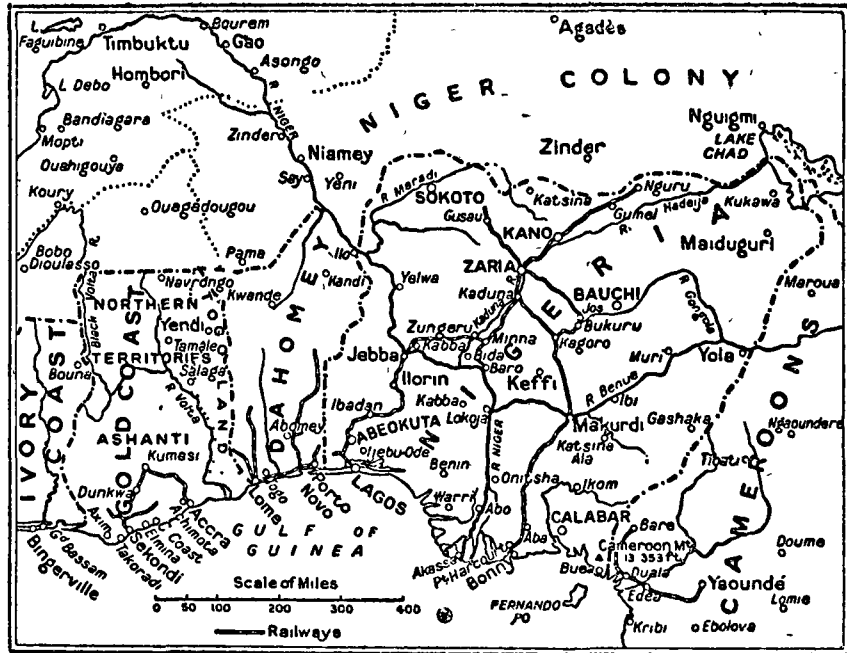
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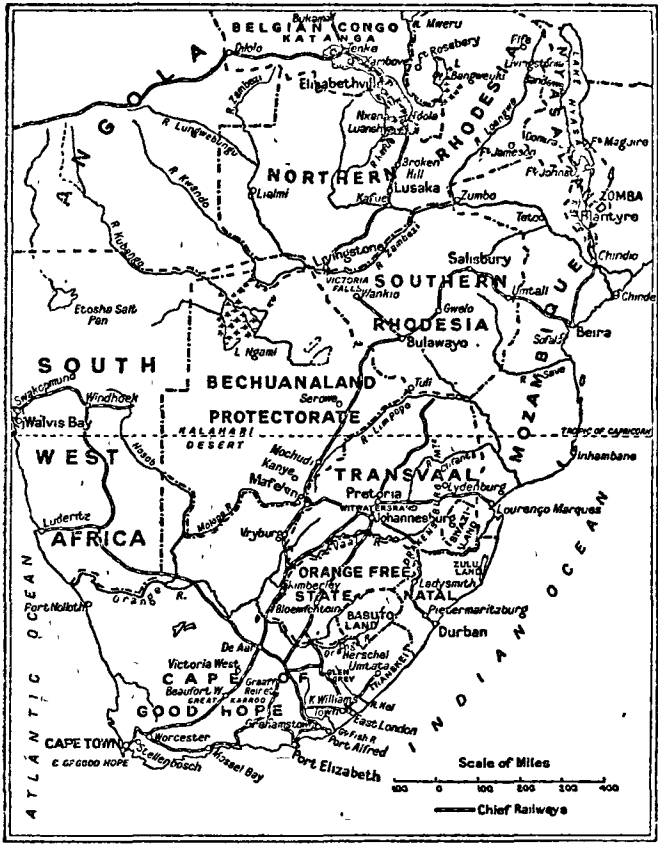
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