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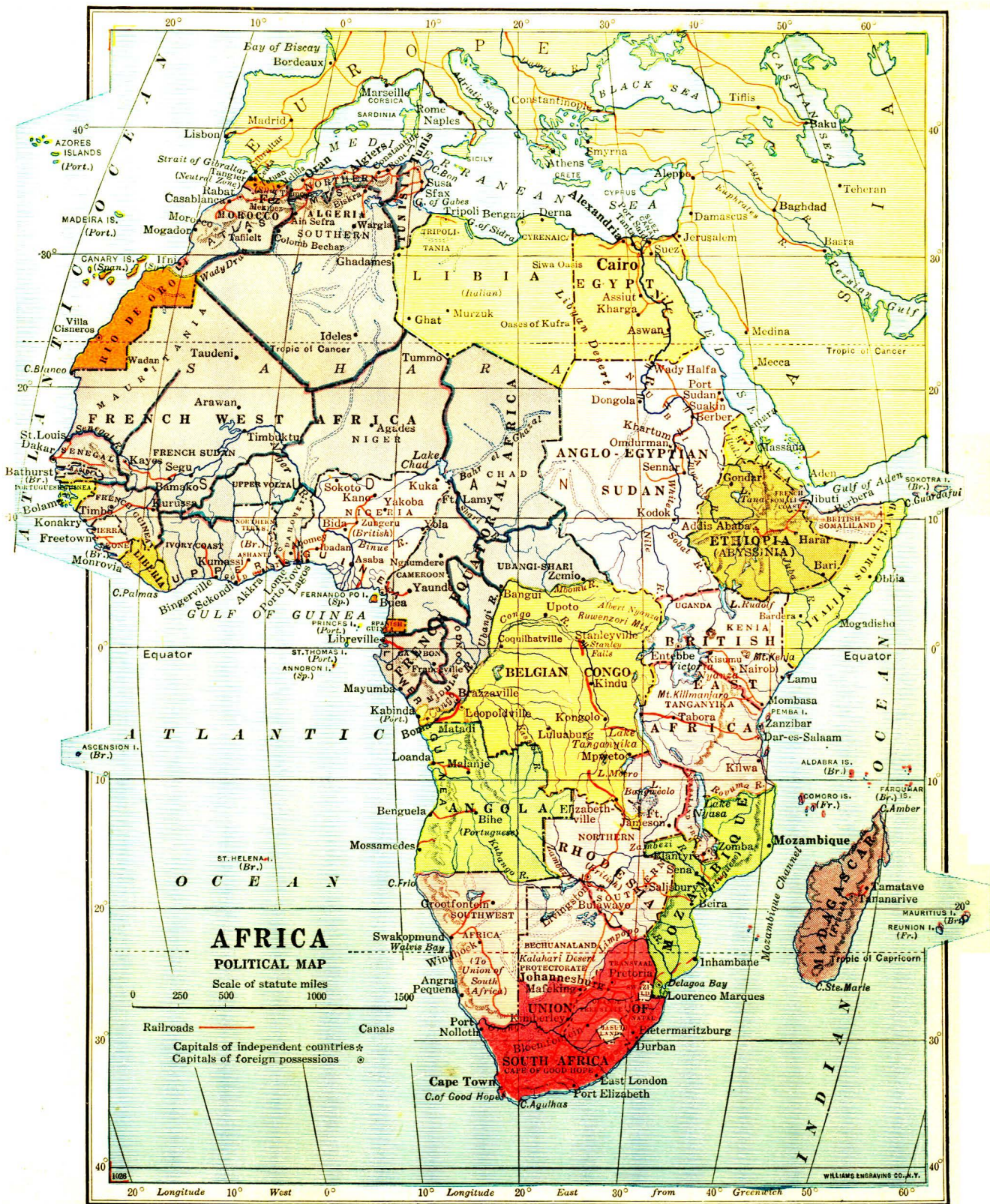
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PREFACE

This report to the Committee of International Research of Harvard University and Radcliffe College is based upon fifteen months' investigation abroad. Leaving the United States in June, 1925, I visited the Union of South Africa, Portuguese East Africa, Basutoland, Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia, the Belgian Congo, Tanganyika, Zanzibar, Kenya, Uganda, French Equatorial Africa, the French Cameroons, Nigeria, the Gold Coast, French Togo, French West Africa, Liberia and Sierra Leone. I also visited the European capitals responsible for the administration of many of these territories and returned to the United States at the end of September, 1926. Upon instructions, I confined myself to the situation in French, British and Belgian territory and Liberia.

Africa is the one continent of the world where by the application of intelligence, knowledge and good will, it is not too late to adopt policies which will prevent the development of the acute racial difficulties which have elsewhere arisen, and the evils of which have been recognized only after they have come into existence. In the larger part of the continent of Africa the white man still has *carte blanche*, to avoid the mistakes of the past committed in other parts of the world if he has will and intelligence to do so. The purpose of this report is to set forth the problems which have arisen out of the impact of primitive peoples with an industrial civilization, and to show how and to what extent these problems are being solved by the governments concerned.

It is of course impossible for a fleeting traveller to subject an entire continent to any examination of value as long as he confines himself to travel impressions and personal views. In an effort to avoid these dangers, I have attempted to base the report upon a study of all available documents, which have been interpreted in the light of observations and especially of the consensus of opinion of the thousand or so residents on the spot with whom I talked, and who represented every point of view.

I am under a debt to a large number of people, in Africa, Europe and the United States, who obviously cannot be named, for information and other assistance. I am also under a debt to the Committee of International Research of Harvard University and Radcliffe College for placing every facility at my disposal for the completion of this report.

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