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INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM GOLD COAST (Sir G. Creasy)

D. 7th June, 1948.  
R. 7th " " 20.30 hrs.

No. 480

Following secret and personal for Cohen.

Your telegram No. 490.

Many thanks for the information regarding the report. I think it would be best if I flew home about 4th July for discussions but I must be back here in good time for next meeting of Legislative Council which I am anxious to hold on 20th July. I will telegraph again as regards date of my coming as soon as I have received copies of report.

2. In order to give the Commission while here, necessary legal powers, I appointed Commission under provisions of cap 209, and I am advised that under Section 7 of the Ordinance, report should be formally addressed to me. On the other hand, I have always regarded the Commission as in fact the Secretary of State's Commission and not mine, and if Legal Adviser sees no objection to report being addressed to Secretary of State, I should certainly raise no objection myself.

**OUTWARD TELEGRAM**

**FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES**

Cypher (O.T.P.)

TO GOLD COAST (Sir G. Creasy)

Sent 5th June, 1948, 11.00 hrs.

No. 490.

Following secret and personal from Cohen for  
Creasy. Begins.

Your letters of 25th May and 1st June.

Commission's Report.

Report likely to be signed within a week. We  
will send typescript copies to you immediately. In  
that case you may wish to comment again on the date when  
you are likely to be ready to come here. I think week from  
say 28th June or 5th July would suit us best.

In conversation with Commission this morning  
I raised question whether Report would be to you or to  
Secretary of State. My assumption was that it would be  
to Secretary of State and Commission saw no objection  
to this provided that you and Secretary of State agreed.  
Grateful for your telegraphic views on this points. Ends.

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ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND  
ETC

1. NEW COURT,

25th May, 1948.

CAREY STREET,

Sir,

LONDON, W.C.2.

Thank you very much for your letter of the 19th May, in which you are good enough to express the appreciation of the Chairman of the Commission and his colleagues of the manner in which Miss Taylor and Mrs. Wray reported the proceedings.

We have sent copies of your letter to Miss Taylor and Mrs. Wray, both of whom found their experience with the Commission very interesting and much appreciated the consideration shown them.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

T. A. Reed & Co.

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E.G.G. Hanrott, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
Commission of Enquiry,  
Gold Coast Disturbances,  
Colonial Office,  
2, Sanctuary Buildings,  
Great Smith Street, S.W.1.

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2, Sanctuary Buildings,  
Gt. Smith Street, S.W.1.

19th May, 1948.

Dear Sir,

Sir, I should be very grateful if you will be good enough to pass on to them the Commission's warm commendation. I am directed by the Chairman of the Commission of Enquiry to express the appreciation of himself and his colleagues of the excellent way in which Miss I.D. Taylor and Mrs. M. Wray carried out the extremely arduous duties which fell to them during the Commission's investigations in the Gold Coast. The procedure adopted by the Commission necessitated their working at high pressure for long hours at a stretch in the trying climate of West Africa, and the high quality of their work under these conditions was the subject of comment by the Gold Coast Government and all others concerned in the Commission's activities. The services rendered by these two ladies considerably facilitated the Commission's task and I am to ask you to be good enough to pass on to them the Commission's

Your obedient servant,

Lucy

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The above facts can, if necessary, be checked  
reference to the West Africa (E.G.G. Hanrott) Office.

Messrs. T.A. Reed & Co., (E.G.G. Hanrott.)  
1, New St Carey St., W.C.2.  
Department of Customs and Excise.

2, Sanctuary Buildings,  
Gt. Smith Street, S.W.1.

19th May, 1948.

Dear Sir,

I should be very grateful if you would give very careful consideration to my case, which is as follows:-

I am an Administrative Civil Servant in the Colonial Office and early in April was detailed, at very short notice, to proceed to the Gold Coast as Secretary of the Commission of Enquiry to investigate the riots in the Colony. I had very little time to prepare for my departure as, in addition to the urgent work of organising the Commission, I was unable to hand over my normal Colonial Office job until a day or two before I left. I received no official warning that there was a currency limit for air passengers leaving for West Africa, and I had no time to discover this for myself. It was, therefore, a complete surprise when at London Airport, on declaring possession of £9 sterling, I was told that £4 would have to be confiscated. This occurred as a result of genuine ignorance and I hope that in all the circumstances, and in view of the fact that I was on my way to what proved to be an arduous mission in the public service, you will see fit to refund this amount to me.

The above facts can, if necessary, be checked by reference to the West African Department of the Colonial Office.

Yours faithfully,

(E.G.G. Hanrott.)

H.M. Collector of Customs,  
Department of Customs and Excise.

His Excellency the Governor  
of the Gold Coast  
Christiansborg Castle  
ACCRA

Colonial Office  
Church House  
Gt. Smith Street  
London, S.W.1.

Sir,

We were appointed by Your Excellency under the Commissions of Enquiry Ordinance (Chapter 209 of the Laws of the Gold Coast) with the following terms of reference:-

"To enquire into and report on the recent disturbances in the Gold Coast and their underlying causes: and to make recommendations on any matter arising from their enquiry."

We have now completed our Report.

The nature of our recommendations involving as they do proposals to amend the Constitution appear to us as more appropriate for address to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Accordingly with your consent and approval in submitting our Report we have adopted this course as appears from the Letter of Presentation which accompanies it.

We are, Sir,  
Your obedient servants,

His Excellency the Governor  
of the Gold Coast  
Christiansborg Castle  
ACCRA

Colonial Office, Department  
2, Sanctuary Buildings,  
Great Smith Street, S.W.1.

May 1948.

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Thank you for your letter of the 15th May enclosing Dixon's about the Reuter report. It is certainly of interest, though as you suggest, there is nothing much to be done about it now.

I have written to Dixon at his home address to thank him for his most useful memorandum, but I would like to take this chance of thanking you, and those others in the Department like Hall and Mrs. Wilson to whom we must have been a cursed nuisance, for all your very real assistance to us during those busy five weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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The Secretary to the Commission  
of Enquiry,

Please quote number  
and date of this letter.

Q<sup>2</sup>  
No....0273/SF.5/30



Public Relations Department  
P.O. Box 745  
Accra

.....15th May.....1948.

Ans d  
My Dear Hanrott, NPA file

I am sending you a letter concerning the local press and the Commission which was drafted by John Dixon, the Public Relations Officer, just before his departure on leave, with the intention of sending it to you before the Commission left Accra.

It has lost some of its point now, but may be of interest if considered as an appendix to the Memorandum on Public Relations being sent to you by this mail.

Yours sincerely,

L. Hanrott, Esq.,  
West African Department,  
Colonial Office,  
Church House,  
Gt. Smith Street,  
London, S.W. 1.

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and date of this letter.



Public Relations Department

P.O. Box 745

Accra

16th May, 1948.

No. 0273/SF.5/26.

The following report appeared in Reuters News  
of the 4th May, 1948 :-

"Cases quote which would arouse indignation  
of any decent man unquote and were quote relic  
of slave trade unquote were cited by Colonel  
Cawston to Watson Commission of Inquiry into  
Gold Coast riots in which twentyone people were  
killed last February para.

Representing Ashanti Farmers Union Timber  
Producers and African Transport Operators  
Colonel Cawston said in evidence that because of  
delays adjournments and changing of charges  
people were left in prison with very little  
opportunity of legal advice fullstop Bail was  
often opposed on grounds quote that experience  
proved to be fictitious unquote and many victims  
pledged guilty for this reason para.

Colonel Cawston also said that class of  
European now coming to Colony was of low  
character and that better selection was essential  
fullstop It should bear in mind not only technical  
qualifications but ability to get on with  
African para.

Earlier it had been said by Chairman of Enquiry  
Commission that it might be necessary to have  
further enquiry into conduct of Police and Military  
during riots which were described as demonstrations  
against cost of living para".

2. It would appear unfortunate that the local Reuters  
correspondent has chosen to report Major Cawston's evidence  
in complete isolation especially as the wording of the last  
paragraph is somewhat ambiguous.

3. In this connection I would also invite your  
attention to "The Spectator Daily" of the 17th April, which  
published headlines "Dr. Danquah declares, "I saw European  
Officials looting", over a report which does not contain  
these words. It is understood that the Editor of "The  
Spectator Daily" and Reuter's correspondent are one and  
the same person. I venture to bring this to your notice  
because it seems unfortunate that public opinion outside  
the Gold Coast should be unfavourably prejudiced at this  
stage.

The Secretary to the Commission  
of Enquiry,  
c/o The Secretariat,  
Accra.

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in PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER.

Nellie Hops  
(Drafted by Mr. Dixon).

Please quote number  
and date of this letter.

No...Q038/SF.7/2.

*Ans'd*  
*NPA*  
*JH*



Public Relations Department  
P.O. Box 745  
Accra

.....11 May, .....1948.

Dear Hanrott,

You will recall that I spoke to you about Mr. Ako Adjei's criticism of public relations in the Gold Coast and that you spoke to the Chairman of the Commission, who said I could put in a memorandum.

I have now obtained Government's permission to do this, and am sending you three copies of memoranda on the subject.

I trust you had a good trip.

Yours very sincerely,

L. Hanrott, Esq.,  
West African Department,  
Colonial Office,  
Church House,  
Great Smith Street,  
London, S.W. 1.

*John Dyer*

Please quote number  
and date of this letter.



Public Relations Department

P.O. Box 745

Accra

.....(1) May, .....1948.

No. 938/SF.7.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit three copies of two memoranda, marked Enclosures A and B, on Public Relations in the Gold Coast:

Enclosure A. A Circular issued by the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 17th September, 1947.

Enclosure B. A memorandum on Public Relations by the Public Relations Officer. This is under consideration by Government.

2. It is respectfully requested that they should be regarded as confidential.
3. I regret the delay in submitting them, but I felt it was only courteous to obtain Government's approval, which has been willingly given.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

  
John D. Dia

Public Relations Officer.

The Chairman  
of the Commission of Enquiry.

Yellow Citizens,

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Text 9 B/c COPY by Chairman  
on 8 Dec.

This is the Chairman of the Commission of Inquiry speaking.  
Nearly five weeks ago I had the privilege of addressing you upon our arrival in the Colony. It has been a strenuous time for my colleagues and myself since. We have not spared ourselves for we felt that the task to which we had set out hands was well worth while.

I would like to tell you some of the impressions which will make this visit of ours live in our minds in years to come. The universal courtesy with which we have everywhere been received has at once charmed and delighted us. We have walked alone in the highways and byways of your towns and villages. In this way we have got to know you without restraint. There is a wealth of language in an open sunny smile. We have basked in such sunshine.

We have visited the cocoa farms and sweated in the heat of tropical vegetation. We have seen the historic places of Achanti and watched you at work at the great port of Takoradi.

Many things and many places we have not seen because we have always been oppressed by time. The matters we have come about impressed us with their urgency. That and that alone impels us to leave so soon.

In a few days we all hope to be back in London. There the heavy work of our report begins. We are determined that for

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our part no avoidable delay shall stand in its way. But we ask for patience. Our eagerness to complete our task must not allow us to overlook the necessity of weighty consideration. The issues are both great and grave.

It would be too much to hope that our Report will please everyone. Such a result could only be achieved at a sacrifice of honesty, a virtue we all hold dear. But we do hope that even if our report falls short of universal satisfaction it may yet bridge the gap of conflicting interests.

In a land so fair as this reason should continue to supplant force and truth triumph over falsehood.  
Remember us therefore in your hearts and prayers. Let us hope that under Divine Providence this land will be fully restored to the happy smiling place it once was and is by nature intended to be.

And so fellow Citizens farewell.

8th May, 48.

COM/710

Dear Dixon,  
The members of the Commission of Inquiry, Mr. Alison Paterson, left  
Accra for the Gold Coast on Sunday, the 8th May, and Mr. Bainbridge  
also I attach a very rough Draft for a Press Notice covering the movement  
of the Commissioners during their last few days in the Gold Coast.  
Please re-arrange, if you wish, and cut anything you think superfluous.

Yours sincerely,

During their last few days in the Gold Coast the Commissioners had a busy time interviewing  
individuals and evidence was had submitted accordingly. They also had  
the privilege of meeting the Standing Committee of the Joint Provincial  
Council. They paid a short visit to the Session of the Legislative  
Council at Cape Coast and they passed a Bill and returning  
to Accra on Thursday, the 13th of May. Dr. Keith Harvey had  
a conference with the members of the Survey Council, and on  
Friday, the 14th of May, he had a conference with the members of the  
Public Relations Office, Accra.

to establish a date for a formal visit to Accra and a date for a return visit to Lagos. Mr. Aiken Watson left for the United Kingdom on Sunday, the 9th May, and Mr. Dalgleish also left for the U.K. on the 10th May. Dr. Keith Murray also left

AFT PRESS NOTICE:  
The Chairman of the Commission of Enquiry, Mr. Aiken Watson, left by air for the United Kingdom on Sunday, the 9th May, and Mr. Dalgleish also left for the U.K. on the 10th May. Dr. Keith Murray also left on the 10th May, but he is breaking his journey home for a short stay at Lagos in Nigeria where, as a member of the Inter-University Grants Committee, he will pay a visit/Ibadan College. During their last few days in the Gold Coast the Commissioners had a busy time interviewing individuals and delegates who had submitted memoranda. They also had the privilege of meeting the Standing Committee of the Joint Provincial Council, they paid a short visit to the Session of the Legislative Council on the 1st May and they passed a full and stimulating morning at Achimota College. On Thursday, the 6th of May, Dr. Keith Murray had an enjoyable discussion with the students of the Survey School, and on

Saturday, the 8th of May, he met a large number of Oxford graduates at the British Council. On Sunday, the 10th of May, he and Mr. Dalgleish paid a short visit to Aburi, where they had a long and fruitful discussion with the Adontenhene and his Elders.

The next day he went to Accra and paid a short visit to the British Council. He then took a bus to Sekondi and visited the Asantehene's residence. After a short stay there, he continued his journey to Kumasi, where he was welcomed by the Asantehene himself. They had a long and fruitful discussion, during which the Asantehene expressed his admiration for the British Council's work in Ghana. He also mentioned the importance of education and the need for more schools in the country. The Asantehene invited him to stay longer, but he declined, stating that he had other engagements. He then took a bus to Cape Coast, where he visited the Cape Coast Castle and the nearby slave trading sites. He also visited the National Museum and the Ghana Independence Square. On his way back to Accra, he stopped at the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum and the Independence Square again. He finally arrived in Accra late in the evening, after a long and tiring day of travel.

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confidential

My colleagues and I would like to thank you and your Department for the admirable arrangements for our accommodation during our stay in Accra. We realize that this must have involved a great deal of extra work, and we would be grateful if you would pass on our appreciation to those concerned.

Director of Public Works,

COM/900

7th May

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I am writing on behalf of my colleagues and myself to thank you for your kind action in putting the Survey School at the disposal of the Commission during their stay in Accra. It has been a great convenience having the use of the School and we are fully aware that this must have caused a great deal of disturbance in the work of your Department.

The Director of Surveys,  
Survey Department,  
ACCRA

H. W. Chapman, Esq.,  
C/o Secretariat,  
Accra.

6th May, 48.

COM/900.

6th May, 48.

Mr. Gladwyn has asked me to thank you and your staff, on behalf of himself and his colleagues, very truly for all the arrangements you have made for our stay. My colleagues and I want to thank you for your splendid efforts in organising the catering and domestic arrangements for the Commission during their stay. We are much indebted to you for having made things so comfortable for us, and we hope that we have not caused you too much extra trouble.

Secretary,

S. S.R.J. Kingston.

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Very truly yours,

*Mr. H. M. Pound*  
COM/900  
Parliamentary Bureau  
of the Viet-Nam Committee

6th May,

48.

Dear Mr. Pound,

The Chairman has asked me to thank you and your staff, on behalf of himself and his colleagues, very warmly for all the assistance which you have given the Commission during their stay here. The Chairman appreciates that this has added considerably to your labours, and he would be grateful if you would pass on his appreciation to those concerned.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

And none but he."

I trust will present will have a most enjoyable evening and dining.

Yours very sincerely,

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# TELEGRAM

To the Office of the West African Council  
From GOVERNOR, NIGERIA.

Date 5th May, 1948.  
T.O.O. 1725.

NO. W/58.

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Following from PLEASE.

Dear Sir, you please excuse to me all present my  
Reference your telegram No. 40 of 3rd May. As I am prevented from attending  
the Lagos meeting of the West African Council.

Proposed visit of Dr. KEITH MURRAY and Mr. HANROTT  
is convenient and all arrangements have been made for  
their accommodation in Lagos and transport to and from  
IBADAN on Tuesday 11th May. We enjoy the society of our  
men easily  
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I rejoice to think that our visit will be a success. Nothing is more calculated to create real understanding  
between peoples than friendly social occasions. Our  
Copies to:- GOVERNOR, GOLD COAST.

2. MR. HANROTT, Secretary,  
Commission of Enquiry.

We hope you will be pleased to receive  
our thanks for your kind invitation.

I trust all present will have a most enjoyable time  
and bring a long

H. W. Chapman, Esq.,  
C/o Secretariat,  
Accra.



TAIBATEROOS SMT

ACCRA

5th May, 1948.

Dear Mr. Chapman,

Will you please convey to the Chairman and all present my sincere apologies for the fact that I am prevented from attending the dinner of the Accra Dining Club.

After the somewhat hectic few weeks indulged in by the Commissioners I can think of no greater pleasure than that of relaxing among your members.

The Commissioners by their stern adherence to work may easily have given the impression of unsociability. Nothing could be further from the truth. We enjoy the society of our fellow men and only the feeling that time was not on our side prevented us indulging in it.

I rejoice to think that such a Club exists in Accra. Nothing is more calculated to promote real understanding among different peoples than intimate social occasions. Did not our own national poet say:

"The social friendly honest man  
Where'er he be  
'Tis he fulfils great Nature's plan  
And none but he."

I trust all present will have a most enjoyable evening and that long life and continued success will attend the Accra Dining Club.

Yours very sincerely,

H.W. Chapman, Esq.,  
C/o Secretariat,  
Accra.

cocoa farms and smelted in the heat of tropical vegetation. We have seen the historic places of Ashanti and watched you at work and out of work.

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COM/900.

The Chairman of the Commission of Enquiry (Mr. Aiken Watson, K.C.) begs to enclose for the information of His Excellency the Governor of the Gold Coast the text of a statement which the Chairman proposes to broadcast to the Colony on Saturday, 8th May, at 5.45 p.m.

The Chairman trusts that the proposed procedure will meet with the approval of His Excellency.

Survey School,

5th May, 1948.

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towns and villages. ~~unmet~~.

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this land will be fully restored  
to the happy smiling place it  
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intended to be.

And so fellow Citizens  
farewell.

Telephone :  
Accra Relief Exchange  
S31 Chairman  
S30 Secretary

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addressed to the  
Secretary



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THE COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY  
c/o. THE SECRETARIAT  
ACCRA

..... 5th May, ..... 1948.

No.....

COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY. DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS.

1. The Commission of Enquiry into the recent disturbances will conclude its investigations on the 8th May. Thereafter the Chairman, Members and Staff will return to the United Kingdom.

2. Dates of Departure

Mr. Aiken Watson, K.C. will vacate 6, Fifth Avenue on the 9th May.

Mr. Dalgleish will vacate 16, Third Avenue on the 10th May.

Dr. Murray will vacate 20, Sixth Avenue on the 10th May.  
Mr. Hanrott will vacate 5, Fifth Road on the 10th May.  
Mrs. Wray, Miss Taylor and Miss Todd will vacate 41, Seventh Avenue on the 14th May.

3. Vacating of Office Accommodation

The Survey School will be vacated by the 13th May.

4. Police

Police guards will not be required on the Survey School after the night of the 11th May, and on the bungalows, as in paragraph 2 above, after the stated date of departure of the occupant.

5. Transport

The motor car now at the disposal of the Chairman will not be required after the 9th May and the two motor cars at the disposal of the two Members will not be required after the 10th May.

The Secretary's motor car will be required until the 14th May. The delivery of ice to the bungalows will not be required after the day prior to the departure of the occupant.

6. Telephones

The two telephones installed for the Commission at the Survey School will not be required after the 11th May.

7. Office Furniture

The chairs and tables provided by the Public Works Dept. for the Hearing Room at the Survey School are now no longer required.

The chairs, desks, tables, etc. provided for the offices will not be required after the 11th May.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOUR

TANAHMOSA HUT & CO.

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8. Electrical Equipment

The fans installed in the Hearing Room at the Survey School are no longer required and the fans installed in the offices will not be required after the 11th May.

9. Household Equipment

The cutlery, crockery, glass and bedding loaned by the Medical Department to occupants of the bungalows will not be required after the dates of their departure, as in paragraph 2 above.

10. Broadcasting

Receivers will not be required in the bungalows by the present occupiers after the dates of their departure, as in paragraph 2 above.

*J. L. Lawrie*  
Liaison Officer.

Distribution

The Director of Public Works	- para. 7.
The Commissioner of Police	- para. 9.
The Postmaster General	- para. 4.
The Chief Electrical Engineer	- para. 6.
The Chief Transport Officer	- para. 8.
The Superintendent of Broadcasting	- para. 5.
	- para. 10.

For information

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary	- para. 2.
The Director of Surveys	- para. 3.
The Public Relations Officer	- para. 1.
The Government Printer	- para. 1.

4th May, 48.

COM/900.

As arranged on the telephone, I attach a suggested draft telegram to the Colonial Office giving details of the movements of the Commissioners and staff.

G.E. Sinclair, Esq.,

Grateful inform Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Dalgleish proposed dates of Arrival.

meeting in

Dalgleish proposed

GOVERNOR.

Copy for Secretary ✓  
of Commission

DRAFT TELEGRAM.

FROM Governor, Gold Coast.

TO S/S for Colonies.

Repeated to Governor, Nigeria.

Members and staff of Commission of Enquiry will conclude their work in Gold Coast on Saturday, 8th

May. Departure dates are as follows:-

Sunday, 9th May, Chairman departs Accra, arriving U.K. 10th. Monday, 10th May, Dalgleish departs Accra, arriving U.K. 11th. Dr. Keith Murray and Secretary leave Accra for Lagos as proposed in OFWAC telegram No. 90 of 3rd May. Thursday, 13th May, Dr. Murray and Secretary leave Lagos for U.K. Friday ~~14th May~~, Friday, 14th May, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Wray and Miss Todd leave Accra for U.K.

Am informed Commission propose hold first meeting in London at Colonial Office on Tuesday, 18th May.

Grateful inform Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Dalgleish proposed dates of Arrival.

**TELEGRAM**

From the Governor .....

Date 4th May, 1948.

To SECRETARY OF STATE.

Repeated to Governor, Nigeria, No. G/179.

NO. 421.

Members and staff of Commission of Enquiry will conclude their work in Gold Coast on Saturday, 8th May. Departure dates are as follows:-

Sunday, 9th May, Chairman departs Accra, arriving U.K. 10th.

Monday, 10th May, Dalgleish departs Accra, arriving U.K. 11th.

Dr. Keith Murray and Secretary leave Accra for Lagos as proposed in OFWAC telegram No. 90 of 3rd May. Thursday, 13th May

Dr. Murray and Secretary leave Lagos for U.K.

Friday, 14th May, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Wray and Miss Todd leave Accra for U.K.

2. Am informed Commission propose hold first meeting in London at Colonial Office on Tuesday, 18th May.

3. Grateful inform Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Dalgleish proposed dates of arrival.

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Copied for Secretary ✓  
of Commission

The Commissioner of Inquiry

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30th April, 43.

Dear Mr. Chapman,

Very many thanks to you and the members of the Accra Dining Club for your kind invitation for the 7th of May. I should be delighted to come to dine with the Club at the time and place you mention.

Yours sincerely,

J.H. Chapman, Esq.,  
/o Secretariat,  
Accra.

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ACCRA DINING CLUB.

C/o The Secretariat,  
ACCRA,  
27 April, 1948.

Dear Mr. Hanrott,

I write on behalf of the members of the Accra Dining Club to invite you to dine with the Club on Friday the 7th May at the Avenida Hotel at 8 p.m.

The Club has a membership of about forty Africans and Europeans and was formed two years ago with the object of promoting social intercourse in Accra by means of a monthly dinner. The Chairman on this occasion will be Mr. T. Barton.

It will give us great pleasure if you are able to accept.

Yours Sincerely,

J. M. Gapsman  
HONORARY SECRETARY,

E. G. G. Hanrott, Esq.,  
C/o Secretariat,  
Accra.

*for file*  
The Commissioners of Diquio  
have observed from today's press announcement  
the reductions <sup>in the price of</sup> commodities in  
short supply, made by the U.A.C.

The Commissioners would  
like it to be known that they are in  
no way responsible for these reductions  
which are purely voluntary.

At the same time the  
Commissioners earnestly hope that the  
policy now announced by U.A.C. will  
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Such a policy must be of the  
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27th April, 48.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to thank you for your letter of the 22nd April, regarding the arrangements for the publication of the Commission's Report in the Gold Coast. The importance of the points you raise is appreciated, and you may rest assured that they will be borne in mind and discussed with the administration, before the Commissioners leave the Gold Coast.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

The suggestion in  
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Berlin, April 24

When the Nazis "burned books" in Berlin's Opern Platz on May 10, 1933, 20 year old Helmut Kindler was filled with shame. Then and there this young German University student resolved to help make up for this barbaric act by his fellow countrymen. Kindler now aged 36 has today published a book which contains excerpts from the writings by more than 200 German authors whose works were banned, burned and forbidden by the Nazis 15 years ago.

His book, printed early last month is now on sale throughout Germany.

It is entitled "Verboten und Berbrannt" (Forbidden and Burned). It bears a title page with flame-red lettering. Assembling "Forbidden and Burned" was not difficult because of the material which came from books which Kindler had kept illegally in his library throughout the Hitler

## on Commission Points

APRIL 29 1948

## Reader's Opinion

## Hunters Appeal

The Editor,  
Sir,

We are Hunters by profession and owing to the recent emergency restrictions we have entirely been put out of business owing to shortage of stocks of Cartridges and Gunpowder.

We are in the bush and by natural conditions we live on Game other than fresh fish in view of the distance from the sea coast; we are finding it very hard to prepare our regular dishes.

As lawful and obedient subjects, we are not questioning the authority which motivated the institution of this restriction but are begging that an exception should be made to this rule in order that we might have our regular dishes through Game.

We feel sure that the Authorities will favourably consider our case.

Yours faithfully, Kofi Anuma,

Jumapo,  
April 15, 1948

## Young Author Revives German Literature

BY JACK SMYTH

BOOK STEWARD.

C. S. Curran

## Noxon's Evidence

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the 16th January when Mr. Nkrumah  
made his first speech in Accra.  
A. Yes.  
Q. You remember the meeting  
think, but did hear his speech.  
A. No, I got there rather late  
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there.  
Q. Did you ever meet Mr. Nkrumah  
before then.  
A. No, not at all. I didn't know  
him at all.  
Q. You saw him on the platform  
that occasion.  
A. Yes.  
Q. How often have you met Mr. Nkrumah  
between that date and now?  
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## WATSON COMMISSION AT TAKORADI

### Meet Individuals And Bodies

ON Monday, 26th April the Commissioners of Enquiry arrived in Takoradi.

Immediately after lunch they had meetings at the offices of the Railway where they saw among others Mr H. A. Johnson, and his Assistant, Mr De Graft Johnson and obtained much information about the Railways and Port installations.

On Tuesday morning before breakfast the Commissioners were shown round the harbour by Captain Briscoe, Marine Superintendent, in his launch, and he explained the lay-out of the proposed extension.

Thereafter the Commissioners were engaged from 9.0 a.m. until 4.30 p.m., meeting representatives of local bodies and private citizens who had submitted memoranda. Among those who honoured the Commissioners by his attendance was the Ahantahene, Baidoo Bonsoe XII. During the morning the Commissioners had a long and interesting session with the Traders Union Congress led by their Secretary, Mr Woode. The meeting was characterized, by complete frankness and the Commissioners felt that they have done

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## Social And Personal

Rev Ralph H. Roberts, Principal of Asante Collegiate School, Kumasi, has arrived in town on a visit.

Mr J Ade Sawyerr, M. A., has been appointed Principal of the Accra High School and will take up his new appointment at the beginning of the Homowo term.

Mr Kole Janes, Managing Proprietor of Ritz Hotel, Porto Novo Market Street, Lagos, who arrived in town a few days ago on a visit has gone to Kumasi and other places. He was the guest of Mr George Agyare.

Mr C. T. Botchway, Cocoa Dealer of Nsawam visited the City recently on business and returned.

Mr J. B. Ainooson, Chief Clerk of B.P.W.A., Accra, who went on leave has returned and resumed duty.

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## Watson Commission Clarifies Points

The Commissioners of Enquiry have asked that it should be pointed out to members of the public that their enquiries are primarily directed towards seeking out the causes which produced the recent unhappy disturbances in the Gold Coast.

They are not a Court of Appeal nor a Court of Trial. They wish to make it clear that it is the duty of the Coroner, imposed upon him by Law, to enquire into the death of every person whose death has not arisen from natural causes.

The sole object of the Commissioners at their session at Prempeh

Hall was to make certain that the Police and Military had not exceeded their lawful powers in suppressing the disorders. They were not enquiring into the cause of death of any particular person.

The Commissioners further wish to make it clear that a Coroner's duty is to ensure that the relatives and friends of every deceased person shall have, at an inquest on the death of any such person, every right conferred by law to direct the Coroner's attention to any particular features attending the death of that person.

## VERBATIM REPORT OF BETSEBI LAMPTEY'S EVIDENCE

Q. Did you ever attend a meeting of the Working Committee or seen any of its minutes.

A. No, not at Saltpond.

Q. What was your position in the Convention.

A. I am the first Vice-President of the Accra Branch.

Q. Do you remember a meeting on the 16th January when Mr. Nkoh made his first speech in Accra.

A. Yes.

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A. No, I got there rather late and he had spoken already when got there.

Q. Did you ever meet Mr. Nkoh before then.

A. No, not at all. I didn't know him at all.

Q. You saw him on the platform that occasion.

A. Yes.

Q. How often have you met in between that date then when you're

the meeting of the 20th were you at the Ex-Servicemen's meeting.

A. No.

Q. Were you present at the meeting on the 27th.

A. Yes.

Q. The Convention meeting.

A. Yes, I was there.

Q. And did you make a speech at that meeting.

A. Yes.

Q. Can you tell the Commissioners just in a word, what the effect of your speech was.

A. We had received information that the Government was going to establish a school here specially for European children. That was one of the subjects, and we objected to that, we said it would not be in the interests of the people, it would be wrong.

Q. Was anything said at your meeting about the Ex-Servicemen's March?

A. No, not at all. It was at the close of that meeting, some of us had gone, that one of the Ex-Servicemen, I think it was Mr. Tamakloe, asked if there were any Ex-Servicemen in the

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### Mr Berkley Barton's Evidence

Q. Lieut Michel—is he going to be here. A. He can be called, Sir. Q. Well, let him be called. At twenty past three did you find it possible to send a mobile patrol of police and Military through the town. A. Yes, Sir. Q. And at 6.30 was a curfew imposed on the whole municipal area. A. That is so, Sir. Q. Is there any witness available to speak about the matter at Konongo. A. Yes, I can get him, Sir. Q. Well, let him be called. And is Mr Carruthers available. A. Yes, Sir. Q. Let him be called. What about 2nd March, Tuesday. Was the curfew lifted at seven o'clock in the morning. A. Yes, Sir. Q. Did the looting begin at Nankani Stores about twenty-five past seven. A. Yes, Sir. Q. And were police and troops sent—despatched immediately to deal with that. A. Yes, Sir. Q. At 8.30 in the morning the looters were reported raiding small stores in the Central

the afternoon between Prestoe Otsiw Akotoku and Accra Zouzou was hotly contested before a large crowd of spectators. Just a few minutes to the close, the Zouzou team registered the only goal. The referee

Market and moving to Kejetia. A. Yes, Sir. Q. And were troops sent to deal with that. A. Yes, Sir. Q. Captain Jacques will tell us what happened there. Q. Do you wish him called, Sir. A. Yes, please.

Q. On 1st March, were the stores opened in the normal way at eight o'clock in the morning. A. Yes, Sir. Q. Were there any incidents that day. A. No, Sir. Q. I do not want to hear about anybody that has been arrested and heard before the magistrate. That does not concern us. A. No Sir. Q. About ten to twelve that morning, did a crowd of 150 men collect on the Palaven Ground. A. Yes, Sir. Q. Did you go there yourself. A. Yes, Sir. Q. Did you tell them they must disperse. A. Yes, Sir. Q. What did they say to that. A. The leader did his very utmost to disperse the column but a number of the members of the column refused to take any notice of him, and it was with that that a stone was thrown which hit a soldier and he fired one shot. That was the signal for a complete outburst of rowdiness. Q. Where was the soldier who fired the shot hit. That I cannot say Sir. Q. was at once seized upon by the Yes, Sir. Q. Was he

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22nd April,  
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The Secretary,  
The Commission of Enquiry,  
Survey School,  
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Dear Sir,

## PUBLICATION OF THE COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY REPORT

May I suggest that the Commission directs the attention of Government to the desirability of the Report being published as soon as possible, preferably printed in the Gold Coast to save time. That an adequate number of copies, at as low a price as possible, are made available to the public through the usual channels of distribution.

Further that the type should be kept standing to enable a second edition to be printed should the public demand warrant this action.

I draw your attention to these matters as on several occasions publications of genuine public interest have been in short supply, due in part to shortage of paper, but chiefly due to lack of foresight and imagination of the Department responsible.

I would draw your attention to the fact that the Sacs Commission Report (arising out of the Martindale Report) has not yet been released to the public though the Commission completed its work some months ago.

Yours truly,

C. S. Cuin and

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25th April, 48.

Reference the attached, about which we spoke. I have written to Mr. Beetham, saying that this is a matter for decision by the Administration. You may like to discuss further with the P.R.O.

Yours sincerely,

David Price, Esq., M.C.,  
Secretariat, Accra.

circulated at the earliest possible moment, in my suggestion,  
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25th April, 48. ST.

COM/2500.

Dear Sir,

The Chairman has asked me to thank you for your letter of the 24th April and to say that he is extremely sorry that he did not have the opportunity of making your personal acquaintance during his stay in Kumasi.

He appreciates the importance of your point that the verbatim notes of Evidence should be printed, but thinks that this is primarily a matter for decision by the Administration. He is therefore passing the suggestion on to the Public Relations Department in Accra.

Yours sincerely,

The Reverend T.A. Beetham, M.A.  
Principal, Wesley College, Kumasi.

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REV. T. A. BEETHAM, M.A., PRINCIPAL  
MR. S. AMISSAH, VICE-PRINCIPAL.

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The Secretary,  
The Commission of Enquiry,  
c/o Chief Commissioner's Office,  
Kumasi.

Dear Sir,

I shall be grateful if you will convey to the Members of the Commission of Enquiry my apology that I was not able to respond to the Chief Commissioner's invitation to meet them on Thursday afternoon owing to absence in Accra. I believe, however, that Messrs Banks and Sawyer were able to cover what ground was in my own mind.

There is one question I should like to raise. While I was in Accra yesterday I had the opportunity of reading the Full Notes of Evidence up to Monday the 19th in the cyclostyled edition supplied to members of the Legislative Council. It became clear to me as I read that on certain quite important matters the opinion I had reached from reading the evidence that was printed in the Press could not be borne out from the full Notes. I am not suggesting there has been deliberate manipulation, but the necessity of condensing has caused the omission of questions and in particular Chairman's comments without which a full picture of the validity of the evidence cannot be obtained.

I do not know what the Commission's plans are, but I wish to suggest that the Notes of Evidence be printed and circulated at the earliest possible moment, in any case before the publication of any findings. For I am afraid lest thinking people who have studied all the evidence available to them so far may as a first reaction be led to question in certain important points the relation of the Findings to the Evidence they have seen. In theory a member of the public could attend all Sessions and see the evidence as a whole before Findings are published; in practice that is not possible, but it would be good if we could have access to the Evidence in full in order to prepare our minds more adequately for the Findings. I know of a number of citizens who would willingly undergo the discipline involved in such study of the evidence.

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Trial. It is the duty of the Commissioners to inquire into the death of any person whose death did not occur in the course of a criminal trial.

The sole object of the Commissioners at Prempeh Hall was to inquire into the conduct of the Police and Military had not been superseded by the Commission in suppressing the disturbances in the Gold Coast. They were also to inquire into the cause of death of any person.

That is the duty of

relatives and friends of every deceased person to have at the Inquest on the deceased all rights conferred by law to give evidence and call attention to any peculiar features of the death of such person.

With the Compliments  
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*R. B. J.*  
25th April, 48.

COM/900.

Dear Allen,

Here is the document. I am sorry not to have given it to you before. Can you please let us have a copy at Accra before we leave the Gold Coast?

We all much enjoyed our Kumasi visit and I hope that the way we went about things won't make your job more difficult.

I hope too to see you at the Colonial Office on your next leave.

Yours sincerely,

David Allen, Esq.,

District Commissioner, Kumasi.

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APRIL 24 1948

THE GOLD COAST INDEPENDENCE

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# NEWS FROM Provinces

## Commissioner Watson & Co Visit W. A. C. R. I.

ON Saturday the Commissioners of Inquiry visited Koforidua and Tafo. In Koforidua they inspected the damaged houses by the recent disturbances and made their own enquiries from the acting Chief Commissioner and his officers and from other sources.

At Tafo the Commissioners were taken over the West African Cacao Research Institute and had the work of the Station fully explained to them.

While on the experimental farm they had conversations with some independent farmers on the subject of cutting out diseased trees and promised to bear in mind their representation.

## Trade Training Centre At Asuansi

THE Trade Training Centre at Asuansi, near Cape Coast, will be opened shortly for the training of boys who have completed a Senior Primary School Education and who are between the ages of 16 and 18 on the 1st July, 1948.

The Centre will be fully residential and will offer four year courses in Metal

the 1st June, and entries will be decided on the basis of the examination results and an interview at the examination centre. The entrance examination will consist of papers in English and Arithmetic.

### A Three Year Defence Programme For U.S.

Washington, April 22.

MR. James Forrestal, the United States Defence Secretary has proposed a three-year American Defence Programme costing 45,000,000,000 dollars, and placing emphasis on greater Air striking power, he recommended to Senate Armed Services Committee, the formation of 66 Air Combat Groups instead of the 55 he had previously sought.

The House of Representatives Select Committee on Foreign Aid has reported that Russia's total industrial production is now as large as it was before the War and her capacity for producing Military Equipment is even greater than before the War.

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The Solicitor General.

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The Chairman.

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THE SECRETARY,  
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clearer view of the problems they have than otherwise they could have obtained. That the fullest publicity was maintained that of Police was present in force and the full report of the action discussions will be forwarded to them as in the case of the record of public sessions.

The meetings were informal and the frankest exchange of views was indulged in. The Commissioners were impressed by the high minded purpose and obvious

ing considerable noise his car and drove on Christiansborg Road where he entered a long and procession of ex-Servicemen by cyclists. MARY EMPLOYED by followers easterly direction reference road. That on April 1, 1948, I informed the Commissioner that approval was given by Mr. Adler as a temporary arrangement. Difficult conditions stated in

for J.C.D.  
COLONIAL

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# Gold Coast Colony Commission of Enquiry

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In reply to the Commissioner of Police Mr. Tamakloe and Mr. Laryea said that they were certain they could exercise control over their men. Captain Ballantine then telephoned to the Colonial Secretary and arranged for representatives of Government to be present at the Secretariat at 2:30 on the afternoon of February 28th to receive a deputation from the ex-Service men.

On the following day, February 28th at about 1.30 in the afternoon, the Parade armed by the ex-Service Union started forming in the Old Polo Ground. Parade probably consisted of about seven hundred men, moved off, but from

did not keep to the but went straight down Street in the White House was informed that the party of Police was present in force and the full report of the action discussions will be forwarded to them as in the case of the record of public sessions.

was instructed to endeavour to stop the procession by peaceful persuasion. This he was quite unable to do and so informed Mr. Imray. Mr. Imray who had been pessimistic as to the orderly conduct of the procession, had made the following police dispositions keeping the police out of sight. He stationed Assistant Superintendent of Police Major Lane at the Secretariat with an Inspector and forty men. They had one lorry. At Christiansborg Castle he had Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mr. Reeve with an Inspector and twenty men, and one lorry. Inspector Nyinah was at Victoria Police Post with twenty men and Mr. Imray was at Police Barracks with an armed party of ten men.

The Chairman :  
Now where is that ?

The Solicitor General :  
That is in Station Road, Sir the corner of Station Road and Rowe Road. Mr. Imray was there with ten men a lorry and motor cycle dispatch rider. Major Lane and Mr. Reeve had with them a small supply of tear gas grenades. The parties otherwise were unarmed and carried the ordinary short police truncheon.

Chairman :

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE

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24<sup>th</sup> April, 1948.

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TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF MRS. ADLER.

With reference to your letter No.COM/900 of the 13th of April, 1948, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that approval is given for the employment of Mrs. Adler as a temporary lady clerical assistant on the conditions stated in your letter under reference.

J. C. B. Deakin  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

THE SECRETARY,  
THE COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY,  
C/O THE SECRETARIAT,  
ACCRA.  
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Mr J. C. B. Deakin  
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