Since 1958, 13 Labour life Peers and Peeresses have been created. Most Labour sen- timent would still favour the abolition of the House of Lords, but while it remains Labour has to have an adequate number of members. THE two rival African Nation- alist Parties of Northern Rhodesia have agreed to together to face the challenge from Sir Welensky; the Federal Premier.

Delegates from Mr: Kenneth Kaunda $ United National Independence Party 280,000 members) and Mr. Nkumbula'$ African National Congress (400,000) will meet in London today to discuss & COmmon course of action: Sir Roy is violently opposed to Africans getting an elected majority in Northern Rhodesia, but the Colonial Secretary; Mr: Iain Macleod; is insisting on policy of change.

Said Mr. Nkumbula last night: We want to discuss what to do if the British Government gives in to Sir and the talks fall through: There are bound to be demonstrations Yesterday Sir Roy's chief aide; Mr: Julius Greenfield, telephoned his chief a report OH his talks with Mr\_ Macmillan at Chequers.

Mr. Macleod OH with the conference at Lancaster House despite the crisis which had blown up. He has now revealed his full plans to the Africans and Liberals attending: These plans do not give the Africans the overall majority are seeking: African delegates are studying them today: The conference will meet to discuss the function of a proposed House of Chiefs.

MR. IAIN MACLEOD, the Colonial Secretary; denied in the Commons last night that there have been secret negotiations Northern Rhodesia's future: The Northern Rhodesia conference in London has been boycotted by the two main settlers' parties the United Federal Party and the Dominion Party: But representatives of Sir Welensky; Prime Minister of the Central African Federation\_ went to Chequers at the week-end for talks with Mr\_ Macmillan.

Northern Rhodesia is member of the Federation. Mr\_ Macleod was not at the week-end meeting: But he told M Ps yesterday: "[ have knowledge of secret negotiations He said Britain had obligation to consult the Federal But the final decision remained with the British Government\_ Mr. James Callaghan, Labour s Colonial spokesman, said Sir had HO right to delay progress in the talks by refusing to sit round the conference table.

Informal talks at Lancaster House will resume today: PRESIDENT KENNEDY today defended the appointment of a Negro as his Housing Minister: It has aroused strong opposition from the anti-Negro senators of the South. The negro is Mr: Robert Weaver of New York: One of his tasks will be to see there is no racial discrimination in Government and State housing projects.

audience it was current Washington gossip" that Weaver once had Communist affilia- tions. The Senate Banking Committee; which is headed by another Southern Senator Willis Robertson, of Virginia met in closed session to discuss Weaver' $ ap- pointment: Senator Robertson later disclosed he had sent letter to Mr. Kennedy saying he had received..