

HUGE EAST AFRICAN FORCES TO FIGHTING ZONE

Bombay, Nov. 1 (ANP) "The largest and best equipped fighting force ever to leave the shores of East Africa has recently arrived in Ceylon and India."

Behind that brief communique lies a story of months of intensive training, intricate and efficient planning, assembling of immense stores and the accomplishments of mutual understanding between the Europeans, Asians and Africans, all of whom have their share in the make up of this, the greatest East African force so far assembled.

A large percentage of the European personnel come from East Africa and were farmers or sons of farmers in the days of peace. Others are from Britain—bankers, insurance agents, salesmen, jockeys, engineers, mill hands, they are all there. Some of the latter came to Kenya for their first time over two years ago to fight the Italians; but arrived too late to take any active part in the last campaign. Now they have another chance to attack, not the Italians but the "Japs."

A few WTS, belonging to the EA command, were included in this force and they made a good impression as they embarked carrying their own kit. They are Asians of every creed and from every part of India, now trained as fully qualified artisans, clerks and drivers. African troops, of course, form the greater bulk of this vast fighting machine. From Kenya, Swahili, Luo, Kikuyu, Wakamba, Kipsigis, Nandi, from Uganda Acholi, Lango, Buganda from Tanganyika,

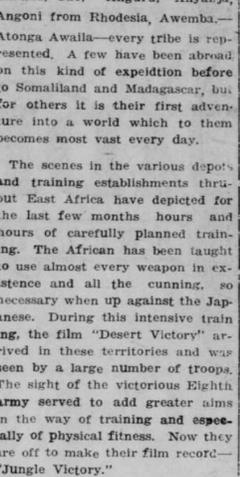
Wanyanwazi, Wasukumu, from Nyasaland, Yao, Anguru, Anyanja, Angoni from Rhodesia, Awemba, Atonga Awalla—every tribe is represented. A few have been abroad on this kind of expedition before to Somaliland and Madagascar, but for others it is their first adventure into a world which to them becomes most vast every day.

The scenes in the various depots and training establishments throughout East Africa have depicted for the last few months hours and hours of carefully planned training. The African has been taught to use almost every weapon in existence and all the cunning, so necessary when up against the Japanese. During this intensive training, the film "Desert Victory" arrived in these territories and was seen by a large number of troops. The sight of the victorious Eighth army served to add greater aims in the way of training and especially of physical fitness. Now they are off to make their film record—"Jungle Victory."

At the railway stations, docks, and on board ship there has always been that happy, unconcerned but very much self-assured look on the faces of all those going off. In fact that "proud to be in it" feeling was everywhere predominant. Occasionally an African's kit bag would be dropped and the contents fall in all directions—this only helped to complete the jovial scene.

In the midst of all this activity Gen. Sir William Platt, GOC in C.

NEW FEPC CHAIRMAN TAKES OATH OF OFFICES



Washington, DC.—Malcolm Ross, new chairman of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, was sworn into office Tuesday, October 19, by Justice Henry Edgerton of the U. S. Court of Appeals. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of officials. Ross, a member of the E. A. command, has been seen speeding the forces on their way with his well known smile, giving a few words of advice to one man, asking a few questions of another.

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TWO MAJOR ISSUES OF INTEREST TO NEGROES FACE CIO CONVENTION

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prodding developed from outside nothing was done. Finally attention turned to the selection of someone to do the leg work and to give life to the committee. When this became evident, Harry Bridges West Coast Labor leader, came through with the offer to pay the salary of the director for one year providing he were permitted to name the person. His candidate was Revels Cayton.

Meanwhile, when things get moving seriously, Ferdinand Smith, no babe in the political woods, came forth with his candidate. He wanted to name Dorothy Funn, administrative secretary of the Negro Labor Victory committee and well-known "party liner" in New York. When his effort failed Smith refused to show the cooperation that was expected of him. The person actually named was George L. P. Weaver, out of the camp of the UTSEA. He was named in April to the post and has been jumping around the country winning friends and influencing people in support of the committee's work.

In the convention this year it is expected that Smith will lead the fight against the anti-discrimination committee. It is doubtful that he can gain the control he would like. Already he has started the ball rolling. He is counting on Wilson for support.

When the State, County and Municipal Workers Union held its convention last month in Cleveland an attempt was made to have the delegates pass a resolution endorsing the work of the committee and going a step further by appointing a liaison officer to work with the national committee.

Working through Ewart Gunter, executive board member of the SCMWWU now on leave in the army, who was allowed to serve with the resolutions committee in an "ex-officio" capacity, Smith succeeded in blocking this attempt for endorsement and liaison. He can be expected to pick up some support in the convention, but it is freely admitted that he will have to do some strong fighting to achieve his end.

Regarding the other issue, Townsend set the stage four weeks ago when he sounded off against the FEPC in connection with its rail road hearings. In his statement to the press, he announced that the only instrument by which discrimination in industry is going to be

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fought successfully is through a body duly authorized by congress. He called for legislation carrying out this thought.

This proposal has been talked up among delegates to the convention for some time now, and the likelihood of its defeat is remote. The CIO, naturally desiring to retain its reputation of being in the forefront among labor insofar as the Negro is concerned, will want an issue that will keep itself there. This seems to be it. The organization knows that to get a bill of goods across like this requires that beating of the drums start early.

Further, Townsend is a member of the resolutions committee. He is going to guide his proposal through to the floor of the convention and, if necessary, fight for it. He is going to support the discrimination committee also.

John L. Yancey, secretary-treasurer of the UTSEA, is a member of the constitutional committee. At this writing the appearance of other Negroes on other committees had not been completely checked.

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GEN. EBOUE TO HOST GOVERNOR'S MEET
(By CHATWOOD HALL)
MOSCOW, Nov. 2 (ANP) Another honor is coming to the black governor general of French Equatorial Africa, Felix Eboué, with the announcement in diplomatic quarters here that all the governors of French African territory have selected Brazzaville, Eboué's capital, as the site of a coming general meeting.

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EL PASO, TEXAS CITIZENS TURN DOWN POLITICAL MANAGEMENT OF THEIR ELECTRIC SERVICE BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 1

The people of El Paso, Texas, have been confronted with an electric power issue similar to the one we have here in Omaha. When the question was put to a vote, the citizens of El Paso defeated public ownership of their electric system by a majority of more than four to one. The same thing is happening in other cities. Cleveland also turned down a similar public ownership deal recently.

TUCSON, ARIZONA CITIZENS ALSO VOTE AGAINST MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF THEIR ELECTRIC SYSTEM

Like the citizens of El Paso, the citizens of Tucson, Arizona, also voted recently against political control and management of their electric service. In the Tucson election there were three public ownership issues. ALL THREE WERE DEFEATED BY THE CITIZENS OF TUCSON. They knew their property did not have to be sold and they refused to accept political management in place of business management of their electric service.

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