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## AN EDITORIAL

### Africa After The War

BRITISH war aims have, on several occasions, been enunciated by important and responsible Ministers of the State, and so far as can be seen, they are directed towards the overthrow of Nazism and the preservation of freedom of thought and action. Certain issues, however, arise out of these aims, and it is with the way and manner that these issues are to be solved, that we are more concerned with.

Clearly, it is one thing to preserve liberty, in a restricted sense, and quite another to allow the people to enjoy it in such manner as would seem to them best and equitable. Unless therefore, the British war aims are meant to provide equality of privileges for all men under the British flag, irrespective of creed or colour, they are destined to find very few supporters.

Now then, for sometime past the Press has been asking for a more clear definition of British war aims but, so far, nothing definite in this respect has been done. Several statements have been made, about the war, but no single definite declaration in respect of the fate of coloured peoples has as yet been made. On the contrary, the speeches so far delivered have been prevaricative in

nature and it would seem as if the end of the present hostilities is destined to bring no better conditions for the Africans.

We refuse to believe that it is the intention of His Majesty's Government to despise the coloured people and that is why we ask for a more specific statement in respect of the colonial

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The office of the Central American Express will be opened for business from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. every day as from December 8th instant to January 1 1942.

### Death Of Mr. Foster

The Express regrets its duty to record the death of Mr. Alfred Foster of Turó who died on Sunday night last in the United Fruit Company's Hospital here, after entering that institution two

days prior to his death, and after suffering in the San Juan de Dios Hospital in San José for a period of time.

Deceased was 68 years of age at the time of his death, and he was hailed from St. Elizabeth, Jamaica. B. W. I. His remains entered Camp One Cemetery the following afternoon.

His life, with all its exertion, its achievements, its frustration, its annoyances is now left behind, is finished, and peace and rest ensue. Nothing earthly can now disturb the spirit that has passed out of its mortal habitation, leaving upon it the impress of that calmness and solemnity which we find upon the faces of the dead. Relatives and friends may mourn, thousands grieved at the loss of one who was conspicuous in their eye, whose keenness of mind they admired, and whose courage and persistence, whose faithful service, whose unquenchable zeal were ever the thomases

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**Thought For The Week**

The strong, through their unfair methods and practice of injustice will not always last. Their day and time will be numbered, so let us work and pray for the restoration of Ethiopia's glory for in that time, and then only, will black men enjoy the full rights of liberty and justice.

—Marcus Garvey

**Japan Billy-Dallies**

JAPAN'S attitude to the Russo-German war is such as presents a knotty problem to students of the international history, and if ever diplomacy has been used as an instrument of finding a solution to complicated problems, Japan is in fact using that weapon to advantage. In other words, Japan's position at present is one that calls for tact and a lot of prevarication from the Cabinet Ministers. For sometime now, as will be noticed, the Japanese Cabinet has been having a series of meetings with the High Command, and a declaration of Japan's policy has long been overdue.

There stands a fact which we can't afford to loose sight of, and that is this: Having been faced with the prospect of American intervention in the Russo-German war, and the possibility of an invasion by American forces, backed by Britain, Japan has decided to dilly-dally for the present, and to throw in her lot with either of the two contestants with the best chance of winning. In short, she is determined, if ne-

cessary, to plod in the wake of Italy by her Axis partner.

There is also a second solution to the present attitude of Japan, and it is the fact that having experienced what little impertance Germany attaches to an agreement, the Japanese Government is at present in doubt whether the subjugation of Russia by Germany, would not mean the immediate invasion of Japan herself. In this respect, the statement that Japan will watch the present conflict with vigilance, is significant. Be that as it may, one thing seems clear, and that is, that sooner or later, Japan will be forced to come to a decision, and a decisive one at that.

**Africa After The War**

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peoples. What, for instance, is to become of Ethiopia? Is Ethiopia to remain in her present state after the war, or is there to be any improvement for the better? These are the things we want to know. The African has been emancipated enough to know wrong from right, and the only palliative to spur him in his war effort, is nothing short of a frank declaration of policy.

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**Mr. "Yankie" Back Again**

The Express welcomes once more the presence of Mr. Gibbs, popular known to us as Prof. Yankie, who returned here a few days ago. Mr. Gibbs, in reply to a question asked by a representative of the Express, said he intends to make here his home again. The Prof. is looking the picture of health, and we wish him success in his future undertaking.

**Laugh This Off**

The farmer decided to give special attention to the development of his poultry yard, and he undertook the work carefully and systematically. His hired man, who had been with him for a number of years, was instructed among other things, to write on each egg the date laid and the breed of the hen. After a month the hired man resigned.

"I can't understand," the farmer declared, surprised and pained, "why should you want to leave."

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The man replied:—

“Good thing you mentioned it. I was just going to feed him!”

While having an evening walk around the Black Star Line Square last Tuesday night I was indeed very much surprised over the loose expressions that were coming from within a drinking saloon. If I was the individual, whether I am a Dgal or a Ngal, I would certainly ask my hearers to Grant me pardon!

A gate— even a paper one— is long overdue to the entrance of the Central American Express Office. Man about Town is not Coward to state the fact.

I received a letter from a friend yesterday. It reads:—

“Reading Man About Town is like eating peanuts. The more you eat, the more you want”

Major T. B. is getting busy in soliciting sufficient fund for a Christmas treat to our city's shoe-shiners. Maybe he don't seem to realize the payability of this business. This could be a direct reverse shot!

### British Drive in Africa May Swing Turkey

The opening of the British offensive in North Africa with United States equipment playing an important role, has pulled strategical neutral Turkey nearer to the British-Russian allied cause.

The launching of the African campaign has convinced many foreign observers and many Turks that Britain is confident that she has enough strength to protect the Russian Caucasus against the German break through.

Man is not the creature of circumstances, circumstances are the creatures of men. We are free agents, and man is more than matter.

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## Xmas Cards

An assorted lot of Christmas and New Year's greeting cards has just come off the Press. These cards are beautifully made and specially designed to captivate you — your name inserted free — special prices to charm your pockets.

### Louis To Fight Baer Next Month

A report received at this office yesterday states that Joe Louis, world's heavyweight boxing champion, will defend his crown against Buddy Baer in Madison Square Garden in January. The Brown Bomber will start training this month for the bout which will be a benefit affair.



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# Why British Soldiers In Ethiopia?

SINCE the reported capture of over ten thousand Italian soldiers at their last strong-hold in Ethiopia, the Express understands, up to late last night, that British troops are still stationed in several parts of Emperor Haile Selassie's Kingdom. Since there is no more Italian resistance in Ethiopia, would it not be wise for Britain to withdraw her soldiers from that country to other centres of activities in the war zones?

Must it be believed that in the future (after the war) Ethiopia will be asked to compensate the British Government for maintaining a regular British army in Ethiopia? We sincerely hope not.

## Pres. Roosevelt Believes America will Enter World-War in 1942

President Franklin Roosevelt, arriving at Warm Spring, Georgia, on Saturday last, predicted at a dinner function that 1942 will find America in the war to maintain Democracy. The President, according to an Associated Press despatch received in Costa Rica, did not say whether the United States would fight against Germany or Japan, but he reassures that America will fight alongside Britain.

## Ethiopians Trained As Telegraphists.

ADDIS ABABA (By Mail)—In order to provide technical experts to man the public services in Abyssinia, the emperor has appointed 200 young Abyssinians to study telegraphy.

The boys, who know barely a word of English, are being instructed by British officers and will later form the nucleus of the new Ethiopian Telegraph Service and a signal company in the Abyssinian Army. At-

ter only eight weeks' training some of them are advanced enough to be employed as assistant wireless operators in military operations against bands of Italian Blackshirts in the Gondar area.

Several school and a military academy have been established in the capital since the return of Haile Selassie.

The Empress and the Princess Tshai are making plans for a high school for girls and an hospital under Royal patronage. This work is being carried out by the Ethiopian Women's Association under the direct supervision of the Empress Menen.

Employer — James, I wish you wouldn't whistle when you work.

James — I wasn't workin', sir, I was just whistlin'.

## Churchill's Denunciation Of Hitler

As his armies advance whole districts are being exterminated. Scores of thousands—literally scores of thousands—of executions in cold blood are being perpetrated by the German police-troops upon the Russian patriots who defend their native soil. Since the Mongol invasion of Europe in the sixteenth century there has never been methodical, merciless, butchery on such a scale or approaching such a scale. And this is but the beginning. Famine and pestilence have yet to follow in the bloody ruts of Hitler's tanks. We are in presence of a crime without a name — From his broadcast of August 24 1941.

The British Command still believes its troops superior to the Nazis despite the considerable losses suffered in the renewed efforts to weaken the foe.

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# Pres. Batista Sees United States In War By Spring; Cuba To Follow Close

## President Declares Country's Readiness To Follow United States Lead

President Batista of Cuba recently predicted that the United States would be in the war by next Spring. He said: "When the United States declares war, Cuba will be the nation to enter the war on her side."

Batista addressed an estimated 70,000 workers gathered at the great plaza fronting the Presidential Palace, to demonstrate their approval of Batista's recent decrease in wages throughout the Republic, and also their sympathy for the British, the Russians and the Chinese.

Lazaro Pena, head of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Cuba, which sponsored the meeting, said previously: "It is true the Spaniards (meaning the Spanish refugees), left Spain to struggle and others within Spain are working secretly to the end that Spain may become what it should be."

Batista said it is recognized that the United States is unprepared for war, "but oppressors know that if America lacked a ms. they are ready to fight bare-handed for liberty". He said that America is

aiding England Russia in whatever possible, and added that America need not send men to Europe, but America will send men if liberty in Europe depends on the men in America.

President Batista continued: "To be indifferent in these times would mean we are not men. Cuba is a small country without resources, but the little we have, we cheerfully place at the altar of liberty of men who are dying for liberty. Cuba awaits orders from the leading nation in America, the United States."

## Pathfinder Plans Excursion To Cartago January

The Express learns that the Pathfinder Sport Club of this town intends taking an Excursion train from Limon to Cartago on January 2nd, 1942. Arrangements, we understand, are already made with special buses and camions to transport passengers from Cartago to San Jose.

No official statement has yet been issued in regards to rate, but we learn further that passengers are limited to 180.

## Mr Sam Lee Recupe rating

The Express is pleased to report that Mr. Sam Lee is recuperating from his recent illness as the result of his six-day detainment in our local hospital. Mr. Lee is in charge of the United Fruit Company's Commissary at Cairo and he is well known in Limon where he once occupied a similar position in the Commissary department here. We wish the young man complete recovery.

## Have A Smile

The snug satisfaction of the rustic in his clear perception and shrewd reasoning is illustrated by the dialogue between two farmers meeting on the road.

"Did you hear that old man Jones' house burned down last night?"

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### German advance Checked

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### Too Much Hardware

At "Baltimore, Maryland, a dog named Doty passed up his meals, and then a dog surgeon took out of his stomach 88 nails, 3 brass screws and one pin, and now he is as good as ever. But that dog did not have a bit more sense than some two-legged ones that have swallowed and still held to 'Purgatory' and eternal torture' as expressions of infinite love.

### Miscellaneous Ads

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### "Beware The Dog"

In Brooklyn a sign on the gate said, "Beware the Dog." A saleswoman, legally within her rights, opened the latch, walked in, and was attacked by a big, and savage dog. She sued the owner of the dog and the occupant of the property and was awarded damages. The courts decided that no person has the right to own a dog or to harbour a dog known to be a vicious and dangerous animal, and when the animal is known to be such it must be sent away or caused to be destroyed.

### Ethiopian Constitution Received At Express Office

We are grateful to the Abyssinia Association in London for the receipt of two copies of the Constitution of the Empire of Ethiopia, which was recently published in London by that Association of which Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, M. P., and the Very Rev. the Dean of Winchester, are Vice-Presidents.

The Constitution we received is printed in its English translation, which was made chiefly from the French version, itself a translation from the original Amharic.

Anyone desiring to see the Constitution and to read its content, can request same at the Express Office.

### Lengthy Goering-Petain Interview

Vichy— Marshall Petain of France and General Goering of Germany had a lengthy conference at Saint Florence and French political circles believe that Petain is in agreement with Hitler to establish the "New Order" in Europe. The conversation between the two Generals is said to be of great importance in the future conduct of the war between Nazism and Democracy.

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# Churchill Calls For Conscription As Far East War Looms!

## Prime Minister's Proposals Would Add Three Million More To British Forces

### Ready For Trouble In The Pacific

Amid mountain tension in London over war threats in the Far East, Prime Minister Winston Churchill this week called in the House of Commons for vastly greater conscriptions of the nation's manpower, woman power and youth power.

The British Premier warned of even greater trials as a major section of the fleet lay poised for new trouble in the

Pacific, the big Mid-Eastern army absorbed new German parzer blows in Lybia, the oriental outposts stood armed to the teeth and the flow of arms to Russia gathered speed.

Churchill told Parliament that a crisis of manpower and womanpower will dominate 1942 for Britain, and proposed that the military conscription age limits be lowered to 18 and raised to 50. Churchill said that powers to compell unmarried women between the ages of 20 and 30 to join the forces

also will be sought, although only volunteer women will be assigned to "lethal or combatant services."

Churchill coupled the call for increased manpower and woman power with the warning.

At anytime, Hitler may recognize his defeat by the Russian Army and to recover from his disaster he will visit us with all his fury. We are all ready for him. We shall receive him when he comes, by day or by night, by far greater forces, and with every modern improvement, but we must always be ready.

# United States Demands Japan State Her Intentions In Indo-China

President Roosevelt this week disclosed that the United States Government has inquired of Japan just what her purpose was in increasing her armed forces in French Indo-

China.

The United States Chief Executive indicated also that some progress had been made in the discussions with the Japanese emissaries up to the

point when it was learned that Japan was augmenting her land, air and naval forces stationed in the French colony.

# Earthquake Rocks Limon For 19th Time Since November

Heavy shock of earthquake was felt in Limon and throughout the Republic simultaneously yesterday at 13 minutes to 3, and lasted for three minutes. This shock is the longest and heaviest one that ever occurred in this Republic since 1910.

This is the 19th earthquake felt in this Republic since Nov. 5, ultimo. No damage of a serious nature is reported.

ESTAMBUL — Authorized information from Belgrade states that the uprising forces have reached such proportion, that the Germans are obliged to use 5 divisions of their army — which is equal to 75,000 soldiers — against them. Two of these divisions are of the choiced troops of Hitler. The Serbs command the greater portion of the roads, railroads and strategic portions of the country. The Serbians are commanded by Colonel Mibailivik.

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## The Black List

The United States Minister, Mr. Bliss Lane recently convened a meeting of the representatives of the Press of San José with the object of making certain observations in reference to the «Black List» issued from Washington. The List has caused much uneasiness in the capital among many well-known merchants, for which reason the U. S. Minister declares that persons named in the List can ask to be excluded if they can give good reason why they should not be included. The office of co-ordination is ready to receive and attend to all complaints by persons affected on the «List», the Minister declared.

## Death Of Mr. Foster

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their praise. It is all one to him now; his ears are deaf to the sound of weeping, his eyes see no sorrow; he has been set free from the troubles as well as from the joys of this world; he has done with them all; the fitful fever of life is over and he sleeps well.

To his surviving son, relatives and friends, the Central American Express extends sincere condolence.

## Social Events

All manner of attractive parties are giving glamour to the month, and musical features, and other events (so far, with larger, inclusive events in which almost all circles are interested. Tomorrow, at 11 a m and 7 p m respectively, there will be a religious services at the Methodist Church, and Salvation Army respectively.

Of interest, too, Monday night will be a very interesting Movie Show at the Arrasty Theatre.

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On Friday night, 19 instant, there will be the Methodist Day School break up entertainment. A spicy programme is prepared and a large gathering anticipated.

Christmas eve night, beginning at 10 p m and terminating at 5 a m Thursday the Swing and Jive Dance will kick off at Sankey's Up stairs, under the strain of Prof. Lambert's Swing Band.

On December 31<sup>st</sup>, Mr Ropar's Swing Dance will come off in St Mark's Parish Hall. Delpratt's Blue Rythym Band will tickle your feet till you fall in trance.

On Monday night, Dec, 22<sup>nd</sup> Rally of Six Great Women of the world in Parish Hall under the auspices of Alpha Cottage Day School.

Other events will be announced in our next issue.



In loving memory of our  
Dear Mother,

**ETHEL GUNTER**

who departed this life Dec 8, 1939

*We cannot Lord Thy purposes see,  
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So long as life and memory last,  
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