

5. From time to time certain anomalies resulting from somewhat confused notions relating to the topic under discussion have become increasingly noticeable from the Union's point of view and accordingly the following communication has inter alia been telegraphed by the Union Government in relation to the points to be discussed at the forthcoming Imperial Conference:

"Arising out of a request for payment by the Union Government of the costs of repatriation to the Union from Northern Rhodesia of Union nationals expelled as undesirables from Belgian Congo (a question which we feel can only be appropriately dealt with on the basis of a separate nationality for each of the members of the Commonwealth), we would wish to discuss -

- (a) the desirability of each member passing its own nationality laws on such a basis as to eliminate as much as possible cases of double nationality in the Commonwealth;
- (b) the desirability of getting clarity about the relationship between common status and the nationality of each state member of the Commonwealth; about the rights and duties of each member in respect of persons possessing the common status; and about the use of the term "British subject" in the legislation of members of the Commonwealth."

6. It is hardly necessary to enumerate the various points of difficulty arising from the ambiguities which exist at present. But in order to emphasise the need for greater clarity the following deserve to be mentioned:

- (i) The question whether a Dominion can refuse admission to aliens, or to British subjects hailing from other parts of the Empire is one which has risen in the past and it is part and parcel of the rules governing the relationship between the several members of the Commonwealth that every member has the right to refuse admission to British