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Grant Kenya Independence In December

London — Kenya will become independent Dec. 12, subject to necessary steps being completed in time, according to government documents published today.

Duncan Sandys, Commonwealth and colonial secretary has agreed to convene a conference in London toward the end of September to settle the final form of Kenya's constitution.

Preparatory discussions will be held in Nairobi, the document said.

In recent talks in London between Sandys and Kenya Justice Minister Tom Mboya, it was agreed the retention of a British military base in Kenya after independence was not desired by either the British or Kenya governments, it said.

The report said it had been agreed to withdraw British forces from Kenya over a period of up to 12 months from the date of independence.

Britain and Kenya would hold further talks on defence facilities they may be able to offer one another after independence.

Talks also would be held in the future between Britain and Zanzibar on the future of the dominions of the Sultan of Zanzibar on the coast of Kenya.

These dominions are a 10-mile - wide coastal strip of Kenya's southern frontier with Tanganyika to the River Tana. This, with certain coastal territories farther north, forms the Kenya protectorate.

Rabbi Claims Canada Has Racial Bars

Toronto (CP) — Rabbi Abraham Feinberg said Saturday racial discrimination exists in Canada although to a lesser degree than in the southern states.

He spoke to about 400 persons at the end of the march from Queens Park to city hall commemorating the assassinations of Medgar Evers and William Moore.

"There are 185,000 Indians in this country living in almost indescribable squalor," he said.



BRITISH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE, Brantford, Ontario — British Methodist Episcopal Conference Executive members from many parts of Ontario met at the Essex St. Church Saturday for the last meeting before the June conference. Seen here are: Front, from left, Mrs. Ona Richardson, president of the missionary society; Rev. A. Aylestock general secretary; Dr. A. S. Markham, BME superintendent; Deaconess Hazel Pittman. Back, Rev. W. Clarke, chairman of the general conference committee; Rev. R. H. Blackwood, minister of the Guelph BME Church; C. Lawson, treasurer; and E. Searles, trustee. (Daily Mercury Photo)

Shirley Verrett Makes Hit Singing at Stratford Festival

Stratford — What could have been an artistic disaster for the Stratford Festival yesterday was, instead, a triumph.

Never before had such a pileup of difficulties faced the music directors and National Festival Orchestra. The conductor defected Tuesday, making replacement necessary. Then for the Stratford Festival yesterday was, instead a triumph.

Never before had such a pileup of difficulties faced the Friday afternoon a soloist defected, making another substitution essential.

Nevertheless, an audience of 800 heard a stunning concert that involved personal triumphs for conductor Walter Susskind and for Canadian baritone Maurice Brown, who were the two replacements, as well as for Shirley Verrett, the gorgeous voiced American Negro mezzo. Four Curtain Calls

"Song of the Wood Dove" introduced Shirley Verrett. She possesses a voice of wide

range — she could well turn into a contralto or into a dramatic soprano — and has trained all of the voices well, from top to bottom.

She sang with skilful, effective phrasing, her words were clear and her understanding of the music apparent. The four curtain calls

given her were none too many.

In the "Serenade," Mr. Brown displayed absolute pitch, resonant and lovely tone and sureness of musicianship. The work calls for a strange combination of strings, mandolin, guitar, two clarinets and voice.

Homemakers Clubs Meet At Kettle Point Reserve

Sarnia — The 18th annual convention of Southwestern Ontario regional homemakers clubs is being planned for July 31 to Aug. 1 at the Kettle Point Indian Reserve. Mrs. Lloyd Williams, Sarnia, regional president announced here.

Mrs. Williams said representatives from seven Indian reserves are expected to attend. Last years convention held on the Sarnia Indian Reserve attracted more than 70 delegates and hundreds

of visitors. Mrs. Williams said this year's event will include discussions on improving Indian Reserve conditions.

Miss Helen Martin, regional social worker for the department of Indian Affairs and Vern Robinson, Sarnia Indian agent will be amongst special speakers planning to attend.

The public is invited to visit the convention which will also feature displays and sales of Indian crafts

More Pupils In Bermuda Hotel School

The Bermuda Hotel School continues to grow. Having started off two years ago with a mere handful of students, they swelled to 17 and next term expect at least 23.

With the increasing interest, principal Mr. J. C. Bornet plans to increase the variety of classes and standard of examinations and next year's students will be able to enter for the Hotelery and Catering Institute's finals exams and later on, the City and Guild Professional Cookery exam.

This past year's students entered the H.C.I.'s intermediate exams and 15 out of 17 passed while two were "referred" in theory and can take the exam over again.

The school year ended yesterday, as for all Government schools. Seven students planned to take up jobs in hotels and restaurants.

Nine students are staying on for their second year of study which will terminate next March, so the students leaving will have a better chance of finding a position.

Mr. Bornet and the Hotel Association find positions for the boys pending an interview by the hotel management. Usually the term ends in June but Mr. Bornet has decided to close earlier so the boys and girls can work a few weeks then return to school for a couple of weeks to take their exams.

Next year will see far better academically qualified students, said Mr. Bornet. Younger students are coming from St. George's Secondary and Grammar School, Prospect Secondary School, Warwick Academy and Sandys Secondary. The group will even include a member of the Bermuda Police Force, a boy from Switzerland who is proficient in four languages and two boys from English Public Schools.

Pope Prays For End Of Discrimination

Vatican City — Pope Paul VI said today after a private audience with President Kennedy he was praying for the success of the President's efforts to end racial discrimination in the United States.

The historic meeting of the first Roman Catholic president of the United States and the 262nd pontiff of the Roman Catholic church was held in the papal library