

Locust threat to Africa

The Colonial Office has reported by the Interimcy of a meeting of behalf of the forces as, in preparation for the Anti-Locust Reserve, Con- heavy rains which made it difficult to move over the Desert front, and after which the forces had to abandon their posts in the northern part of the country. More than 2,000 square miles were devastated. Estimates of a vast area beyond have been given, from Egypt, of the Middle East and Africa. There were numerous exceptions to the general which are found in most areas.

EAST AFRICA

Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, French Somaliland, and British Somaliland, and the British colonies of the Horn of Africa where the insects are present, are the areas where the locusts have spread to almost northwards. They crossed into Ethiopia and Eritrea, the frontier of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, into Arabia and French Somaliland.

Outbreaks of desert locusts have been reported in Iraq, Iran, Turkey, and Persia during 1951 of the season; they were last seen, by October, the infestation they reached western Iran. It was concentrated on the Semir-areas where the locust swarms increased to 1,700 miles and longer, and were practically fed brought about a complete change breaking out during May.

In the two years in the six countries affected, the locusts have covered a total area of 1,000,000 square miles. In Africa, which are today scarce over Somalia and Northern Kenya, a large part of eastern Africa, except over most of the Arabian peninsula, extending to Iraq & Shabwa, were severely damaged.

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Known simply as the "Law Against Discrimination," the amendment, introduced here on Feb. 14, 1948, became law in the New York Legislature, declared that "persons of discriminated against and of individuals because of race, creed, color or national origin is a matter of state concern, that such discrimination is a violation of the public and proper welfare of the citizens and the interests of the institutions and institutions of a free democratic state."

The lawmakers directed that a commission with enforcement power be established to act in the interest of those who would work for equal opportunity to get a job, to keep a job, and to "grow" on the job. While the law provides that no one shall be discriminated against in the matter of employment, it does not take away privileges of groups or associations. As far as the determining factor is concerned,

The government agency which carries out the law is a five-member group known as the New York State Commission Against Discrimination (NASCAD). It has two major functions: regulatory and educational.

BELIEVE WELCOMES
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PRIME MINISTER

LONDON.—The portrait of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, the first African Prime Minister in the history of the Commonwealth has been featured on the front pages of the leading newspapers in Britain. It went with articles welcoming the arrival of the Leader of Government business in the Gold Coast to the rank of Prime Minister, and also welcoming the constitutional bill which will give the Gold Coast a step further towards complete Dominion status.

SERRA LIOPE MILL FOR GROUNDNUTS

LONDON.—A groundnut despatching mill, the first of its kind to be opened in West Africa, is now being operated by the Portuguese Mining Board, in Serra Liope, District, Sierra Leone.

This machine, which splits and grades the groundnut, will eventually work in association with the groundnut oil extracting plant which is in operation.

The plant, which has been constructed independently at Kintama, has recently been started quite successfully.

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