

NEWS FROM SWAZILAND

Two labour inspectors and one trade unionist have just left Swaziland for training in their respective spheres.

The two labour inspectors, just appointed by the Swaziland Government, are Mr. Peter Bhengu and Mr. David Motha. They are attending a month's training in Labour Administration in Nyasaland under the auspices of the International Labour Organization, together with 18 labour officials from other African countries. When they return to Swaziland at the end of February, Mr. Bhengu will be stationed in Mbabane and Mr. Motha in Manzini. Their responsibilities will be enforcing the territory's new labour legislation, under the supervision of the Labour Officer.

The trade unionist who is leaving at the same time is Mr. R.C.M. Bembe, a sugar dispatch clerk employed by Mhlume Sugar Co., who is Secretary of the Swaziland Sugar Workers' Union and President of the recently formed Swaziland Trade Union Congress. Mr. Bembe is attending, with other African trade unionists, a three months' course in trade unionism sponsored by the I.C.F.T.U., at the I.C.F.T.U. training college at Kampala, Uganda. Mr. Bembe's travelling expenses are being paid by U.N.E.S.C.O.

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UNIVERSITY OF B.B.S.

APPOINTMENTS

Librarian

The Council of the University of Basutoland, Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland has appointed as Librarian Mr. J. Hutton who holds the degrees of B.A. and LL.B. of the University of South Africa and the Diploma in Librarianship of the University of Cape Town.

Mr. Hutton has been Deputy Librarian of the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland since 1962, before that being in charge of the College's Scientific Information Service.

From 1956-9 Mr. Hutton was Librarian at the University College of Fort Hare, and from 1947 to 1956 was Deputy Librarian to the South African Council for Scientific and Industrial Research at Pretoria.

From 1940 to 1945 Mr. Hutton held a commission in the Union Defence Forces, and before that practised as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of South Africa.

Professor of English

Mr. D.D. Stuart, M.A., B.Litt., Senior Lecturer in English at Makerere University College since 1957, has accepted appointment as Professor of English at the University of Basutoland, Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland.

Born in England in 1912, Mr. Stuart came to South Africa in 1921, and went to school and University in Cape Town. He took his B.Litt. at Oxford University. He served with the South African Air Force from 1939 - 44.

Before going to Makerere Mr. Stuart was in charge of English at Fort Hare for eighteen years, the last seven as a professor.

He is very interested in spoken English and hopes to

bring speech to the front of all English teaching. He is at present in England studying the history of rhetoric.

#### FIRST SWAZI TO STUDY IN AUSTRALIA

Mr. M.A. Shongwe, Clerk in the office of the District Officer, Mbabane, has been awarded a scholarship by the Australian Government, under the Special Commonwealth African Assistance Plan for six months study of Public Administration at an intermediate level at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.

Mr. Shongwe has served as a Swazi National Court clerk, clerk in a number of District Offices and latterly he has acted as Assistant Establishment Officer in the Secretariat. He flew from Jan Smuts Airport on Friday, 7th February, accompanied by a student from Bechuanaland Protectorate and four from Basutoland. The journey to Australia lasts four days and will take him to Southern Rhodesia, the United Arab Republic, Pakistan, India and Malaysia.

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AGRICULTURAL CREDIT SCHEME

EXPECTED SOON

The Swaziland Government is planning an agricultural credit scheme, Her Majesty's Commissioner, Sir, Brian Marwick, said yesterday when he officially opened the Lowveld Experiment Station, near Big Bend, where work was started late in 1959.

"The planning is well advanced and I have every confidence that an agricultural credit bank will be established in the not too distant future," said Sir Brian. "The Government also hopes soon to have funds for use on rural self-help projects."

Sir Brian told an audience of about 250 of all communities who attended the opening ceremony that some 50,000 acres were under irrigation in the Territory and that the irrigation potential was about 200,000 acres.

"But I am disturbed that, so far, the development of high value crops farming under irrigation has been almost entirely in the hands of European farmers. Of course, the European community is to be congratulated on its initiative and resourcefulness in launching the citrus and sugar industries, but it must be obvious to all that it is in the interests of the country that there should be far greater Swazi participation in the production of these lucrative crops. If there is not, all this development and prosperity will not be a source of pride and admiration to the Swazi, but perhaps a cause of envy and discontent.

"I feel too that the big sugar and other irrigation concerns must somehow find more ways of making it apparent to their Swazi labourers that the labourers' share is not only the sweat and toil but some of the profits as well."

Sir Brian remarked on the promise of the first year's work of the C.D.C.'s settlement scheme at Vuvulane and said he hoped it would be possible to see many more Swazi taking part in sugar production soon.

Sir Brian said that the Government was spending R120,000 a year on agricultural research but there was a limit to the number of problems that could be tackled with the present resources. He urged the sugar industry to consider following the lead of the cotton growers and to reinforce the work of the Lowveld Experiment Station by paying for a sugar cane agronomist.

Sir Brian also announced that provision had been made in the estimates for a game-proof fence on Swaziland's eastern border, for the appointment of an animal husbandry officer and for the further development of cattle holding grounds.

"Plans for the establishment of a central meat export and processing works are also in hand," he said.

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COMMISSIONER OF  
POLICE

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Mr. Lawson A. Hicks, who was this month expected to become Swaziland's new Commissioner of Police, will not now take up the appointment. Mr. Hicks is Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police in Northern Rhodesia.

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HEAVY REGISTRATION  
EXPECTED

With just over a fortnight to go before registration of voters for the Territory's first Legislative Council elections closes, applications for registration on the national roll are increasing rapidly. Heavy registration on this roll is expected from now.

Chiefs are still holding meetings in the districts carrying out Swazi National Council instructions to urge their followers to register. On one day last week more than 600 registered in the Hlatikulu township area and in each of two polling divisions in the Pigg's Peak area there were more than 500 registrations on one day.

Generally speaking, the response of European roll voters to the invitation to register has been poor throughout the Territory. Only 190 have registered on the European roll in Mbabane out of an estimated potential electorate of 600.

Registration Officers have been instructed to be on duty every afternoon till registration closes on Friday, March 6, to accept applications for registration on the national roll.

Three copies of a film in colour, with commentary in siSwati, made by Swaziland Government officials, which depicts briefly registration, electioneering and polling, are being shown throughout Swaziland by mobile units. The Army Information Unit with the 1st Battalion the York and Lancaster Regiment is showing one of the copies of the film with its own film programmes.

Audiences of up to 500 are seeing the election film.

ANOTHER STUDENT FOR AUSTRALIA

Mr. Jotham Shabangu, teacher at Mbabane Central School, will leave by air for Australia tomorrow on a scholarship awarded by the Australian Government, under the scheme of Commonwealth Cooperation in Education.

Mr. Shabangu will study the teaching of English as a second language and it is expected that he will be in Australia for about nine months. He joins Mr. M.A. Shongwe in Sydney, New South Wales.

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