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NATIONAL DEPUTATION — EMPIRE DAY

Dear Friend,

May we urge your organisation to add its support to the growing demand to end the slaughter in Kenya.

When Mr. Lyttelton flew to Nairobi in February and the decision was taken to revoke the death sentence on General China and start to "parley" with the African leaders, a fresh opportunity was opened to achieve a just and honourable peace.

Where do the hopes for peace lie? With the armed settlers who shoot on suspicion, call for more bloodshed and rely on British troops to protect their property with fire and blood? With the **War Council** that was set up by Mr. Lyttelton before he left Kenya in March? Or with African leaders like Dedan Kimathi, who wrote:

"We are not fighting for an everlasting hatred but are creating a true brotherhood between white and black while living in a peaceful Kenya. Let us end the emergency and return peace to our lovely country."

We believe that if public opinion is mobilised in this country, the support of the British people can open the road to a solution of the problem of this tortured land. Already, organisations representing over half a million people have signed our protest postcards, which demand the immediate cessation of hostilities, the release of the Kenya African leaders and the lifting of the ban on the Kenya African Union. Now, in order to extend the campaign and mobilise the growing demand for an end to the slaughter, the Committee is organising a **National Deputation to the Colonial Office on Empire Day (Monday, May 24th)**. The plan is for the deputation to visit the Colonial Office in the morning, in the afternoon to lobby the M.P.'s in Parliament and afterwards to hold a meeting of the deputation members to discuss the results and future plans for action.

We invite your organisation to co-operate in this great action by

- (a) electing a delegate to the deputation;
- (b) signing our protest postcard now;
- (c) sending a donation to help our campaign.

Yours sincerely,

F. LASKI, *Chairman*,
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