

# Empire Unity Revival 'Impossible'

LONDON, Tuesday (A.A.P.-Reuter). — The British Commonwealth had almost ceased to be a force for good in the world, Australian elder statesman, Lord Casey said tonight.

Lord Casey, a former External Affairs Minister, was speaking to the Royal Commonwealth Society in London.

He said the Commonwealth today was at a low level of co-operation, and the unity of the old Empire "could never be revived."

The Commonwealth had no general agreement on trade, defence or international issues at the United Nations or elsewhere.

Members largely by the difference of their views cancelled each other out.

## Little Regard

He said, "The Commonwealth today has almost ceased to be a force for good in the world."

"It is nothing much more than an association of completely independent countries."

"Each go their own way acting on their own short-

## Cheers For U.N. Finns

NICOSIA, Tuesday (A.A.P.-Reuter).—Cyriots cheered this morning as two companies of Finnish soldiers cycled into Nicosia to take up duties in the United Nations peace force.

Both Greek and Turkish Cypriot early risers cheered as the 280 Finnish officers and men, in their camouflage battledress and steel helmets, with heavy packs and rifles and automatic weapons slung over their shoulders.

Finnish officers reported only one minor incident when one soldier fell and grazed his arm near the start of the 30-mile ride at Dhekelia camp, on the south-east coast.

## SOCIALIST CANDIDATE FOR U.S. PRESIDENCY

NEW YORK, Tuesday (A.A.P.).—The United States Socialist Labour Party chose Mr. Eric Hass as its 1964 Presidential candidate at the Party's convention in New York, yesterday, British United Press reported.

Mr. Hass, 56, editor of the party's official paper, the weekly "People", was the party's candidate for office in 1952, 1956 and 1960.

## MISSING U.K. YACHT FOUND

MILFORD HAVEN, Wales, Tuesday (A.A.P.-Reuter).—Fears for the safety of the exhausted three-man crew of a 39-ton yacht and two Air Force officers sent to rescue them ended at dawn today when the vessel was sighted off this Atlantic seaport.

The five had been expected to reach harbour at midnight last night but a four-hour search following their schedule landfall failed to trace them.

The yacht, Fair Judgment, was sighted soon after the search was resumed at dawn, and all five were reported to be safe. The yacht is owned by a British carpet manufacturer, Mr. Richard Akyroyd, of Skelton Manor, near York.

The Air Force officers were Group Captain Donald Farrar and Flight Lieutenant Frederick Trowern—both experienced yachtsmen. They were lowered by helicopter to the yacht yesterday in Britain's Atlantic approaches.



Lord Casey

## SIX REJECT GATT PLAN

GENEVA, Tuesday (Reuter).—Experts of the six Common Market countries have agreed to maintain their original proposal that a 50 per cent. "across the board" tariff cut should be only a "working hypothesis" for the Kennedy round of talks.

The decision entailed rejection of the proposal by five that the 50 per cent. cut should be an

by all the negotiating parties, which would serve as a basis for the negotiations.

Conference sources said the French pressed their Common Market partners into a restatement of the vague formula reached in Brussels last December.

The six also agreed that the lists of products to be exempted from the negotiations should be submitted by September 10, although some member countries of GATT, Sweden in particular, wanted this deadline to be postponed.

## Island Purchase For Nauruans

BRISBANE, Tuesday. — The Commonwealth and Queensland Governments have taken preliminary action to provide for the settlement of people of Nauru Island on Curtis Island off the Queensland coast.

This action has been taken in case the Nauruans decide to move from their island home as a result of the imminent exhaustion of its phosphate deposits.

The Premier, Mr. Nicklin, announced today that as a first step towards ensuring that Curtis Island could be made available to the Nauruans for resettlement, the Commonwealth Government had decided to acquire all the leasehold rights on the residential holdings at South End on Curtis Island and the adjacent small personal hold-

ing known as Ocean View, subject in the latter case to the lessee being a willing seller.

This action was being taken while the proposal for resettlement was being considered by the Nauruan people, said Mr. Nicklin, and also to avoid further uncertainty among the present residents at South End.

Mr. Nicklin said the Queensland Government had been asked by the Commonwealth to negotiate acquisition of the leaseholds on its behalf.

## BEHEADINGS REPORT 'MYSTERY'

ADEN, Tuesday (A.A.P.-Reuter). — The mystery of whether or not two British soldiers were decapitated after being killed last Friday in a clash with Yemeni rebels deepened today, according to the Associated Press of America.

The mystery deepened following Yemen's official denial that the Britons — Capt. Robin Edwards, of Padstow, Cornwall, and Spr. John Warburton, of Manchester — were beheaded.

The Information Minister, Ahmed Almarwani, said in a broadcast over San'a Radio

late last night that Britain was "still living in the era when heads were chopped off and exhibited in public."

"This British lie is perhaps concealing a plan for secret British aggression against our Republic," the radio added.

A San'a Radio broadcast earlier claimed that members of the O.A.S. (secret French Army organisation) and white mercenaries from Katanga (in the Congo) were in the British forces fighting the rebels in the Rafdan Mountains.

The Minister for the Interior of the South Arabian Federation, Sharif Hussein Bin Ahmed, was not immediately available for comment on the statement attributed to him yesterday confirming the decapitation report.

## U.S. Denial

Nobody in the British Middle East Command headquarters would comment on the source of the beheading statement, made at a Press conference on Sunday by Maj.-Gen. J. H. Cubbon, C.O.-C. Land Forces.

It was understood, however, that it might have been based on intelligence reports.

Last night in Washington, United States officials said there was no truth in reports that the decapitated heads of two British soldiers killed by Yemenis were exhibited on sticks in Taiz, the twin capital of Yemen, British United Press reported.

They said the reports had been found to be untrue by the United States Embassy in Taiz. The embassy had been asked to check on the reports by the British Government, which does not have diplomatic representation in Yemen.

## New Rally By Negroes

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, Tuesday (A.A.P.). — Nashville negroes, spurred by a speech by integration leader Martin Luther King, Jr., are planning a second week of racial demonstrations here.

Speaking to 2,000 negroes at a civil rights rally on Sunday night, Mr. King called for new demonstrations to make this Tennessee capital the first "totally desegregated" city in the South.

Half a dozen segregated restaurants were the targets of last week's demonstrations.

## Forces War Barrier: Krushchev

MOSCOW, Tuesday (A.A.P.-Reuter). — The present balance of the world's political forces will enable mankind to "raise a dependable barrier in the way of a new world war and prevent it," the Soviet Premier, Mr. Krushchev, has declared.

Writing in the May issue of "Kommunist," the theoretical journal of the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee, he said the "imperative demand of our time" was that the arms race must be ended.

"By reducing its military budget, the Soviet Union has given an example of what should be done for this. May other states, too follow this road," the Soviet Newsagency Tass quoted him as saying.

"But," Mr. Krushchev warned, "so long as there are aggressive forces in the world, we shall keep our defensive might at a high level."

He said the Communists were convinced that "gradually all the peoples themselves would make their choice for Socialism and Communism" and because of this "the export of revolution is as unacceptable as the export of counter-revolution."

## Holiday Bill

LONDON, Tuesday (A.A.P.-Reuter). — Britons spent £A818,750,000 on holidays in 1963, the British Travel and Holidays Association announced today. The association said Britons took 4,750,000 holidays abroad last year.



His hand on his revolver, a plain clothes officer watches police set about a negro student demonstrator in Nashville Tennessee. Police moved in after demonstrators tried to enter a segregated cafeteria and then block traffic on a busy main street.



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