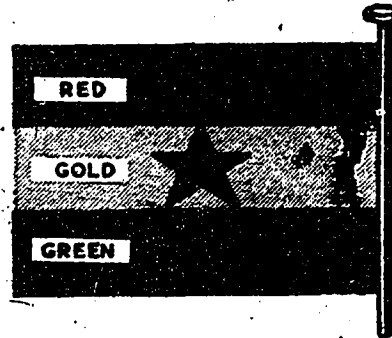




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**SALUTE
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NEW AFRICAN NATION BORN

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SALUTES GHANA**
— An Editorial —

As the Gold Coast, resuming its historical name, Ghana, enters the society of free nations today, the event has a particularly pertinent significance for American Negroes. This significance goes far beyond the meaning to other nations and other peoples. The free nations of the world can and will extend the hand of welcome to Ghana today as a new member of the family of nations. They will recognize that Ghana has become of age politically.

But the significance to American Negroes is more than the extension of a greeting or the hand of welcome. This is because the ancient empire of Ghana was the land of the forefathers of most American Negroes. Traced through the centuries, the majority of American Negroes are Ghanaians whose cultural roots have been destroyed, a new people who have lost touch with their original culture and civilization and have failed of full acceptance in the new society where they find themselves.

Are American Negroes an inferior people? Can they meet the full challenge of modern, Western civilization?

We American Negroes look to Ghana to furnish the answers to these questions.

Ghana enters the family of nations with an old culture and civilization. She becomes, today, a neighbor in the neighborhood of the world. She becomes an independent member of Western Christian society. She is in a position to link the know-how of the past, the present and the future.

Ghana's contributions, as a free nation, to peace, to art, to industry, to government, will be regarded by American Negroes as symbols of their own worth and potential.

When we, American Negroes, shake hands with Ghana today, we say not only "Welcome!" but also, "Your opportunity to prove yourself is our opportunity to prove ourselves."

May God bless you and bring peace, prosperity and progress to your land.

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DR. KWAME NKUMAH
... Ghana's Prime Minister

Pertinent Facts on Ghana

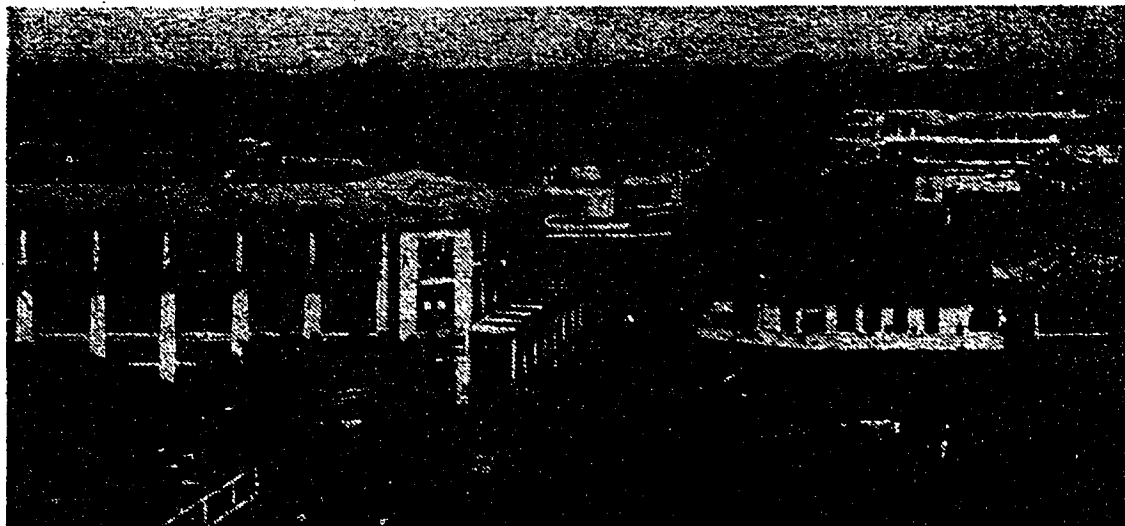
GHANA, new nation on the Gold Coast of Africa, will cover an area larger than that of Pennsylvania and New York combined ... approximately 104,000 square miles.

POPULATION of the new nation is 4,500,000 people; 99 per cent of whom are Africans.

The four principal cities of GHANA are ACCRA (the capital), pop. 150,000; KUMASI, pop. 72,000; TAMALE, 18,000; SECONDI-TAKORADI, 60,000.

PRINCIPAL EXPORTS of GHANA are cocoa, manganese ore, bauxite, gold, diamonds, rubber, mahogany.

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STREET SCENE IN ACCRA ... CAPITAL CITY OF GHANA

GHANA... The Empire in the Sudan

By GEORGE S. SCHUYLER

To the historian it is easy to understand why the Gold Coast Government has decided to choose the name Ghana for the new free state, for Ghana is indeed a word to conjure with.

Ghana was one of the great empires of Africa. It began, interestingly enough, with the settlement of Aukar in the Second Century of the Christian era by light-skinned people (Berbers) from North Africa and Mandespeaking Negroes, principally Soninke. It is believed that some of the former were Jews driven out of Cyrenaica in the First Century. A dynasty of 44 light-skinned kings ruled until about 770 A. D. when it was overthrown by the black Soninke rulers of Wagadu who then ruled in Ghana until overthrown in 1240 A. D. Thus the known history of Ghana spans 1,000 years.

SITE OF GHANA is about 250 miles west of Timbuktu and 750 miles east of the delta of the Senegal River and at the height of Ghana's power the empire probably extended from the Atlantic Ocean to Timbuktu and for 400 or 500 miles southward, although it is doubtful that it penetrated to what is now the Gold Coast. The whole area below the Sahara Desert and entirely across Africa was called by the Moslems Bilad es Sudan or Land of the Blacks. Through intermarriage with the Soninke Negroes, the "white" element in Ghana had soon become highly colored.

When Ghana fell, this element fled west to Tekkur, not far from the mouth of the Senegal River. Tekkur was a prominent state of that time inhabited by Tuculor, Woloff and Serer peoples and had probably been a part of the Ghana Empire at its height. The "white" element from Ghana further intermarried with the blacks, gained political control until the 11th Century when they were expelled by the Tuculor revival. By this time they were a fully African people speaking an African language. The results of this intermixture were the people of today known as the Fulani, now constituting the ruling class in Northern Nigeria.

THE BLACK SONINKE kings of Ghana who assumed power in 770 A. D. were stronger than their predecessors and greatly extended the empire to the limits previously demarcated. Ghana was great not only for military and political reasons but even more so because of the commercial advantages of its location. At the extreme north of the habitable region of the western Sudan, merchants there controlled the Sudanese trade in gold and slaves, exchanging these for salt, copper, dried fruit and cowries

brought by caravan from Morocco.

The gold came from Wangara, outside the Ghana borders, where it was mined by Mandingoes who exchanged it for salt and manufactured goods. Some of the gold also came from as far as Ashanti, the heart of the present Gold Coast.

This gold became an important element in the medieval economy of Morocco and one of the main sources of Western Europe's supply. Even in modern times natives in the Wangara district have mined as much as 140,000 ounces of gold yearly.

GHANA BECAME FAMOUS for its wealth and prosperity. There was certainly no city in Europe outside of Spain, save perhaps Constantinople, that was more resplendent. Indeed, Europe was then wallowing in the Dark Ages following the collapse of Roman power.

To the court of Ghana (the emperors also took the name as title) came many North African Moslems as merchants or officials in the service of the pagan emperors. While the old city of Ghana was built of mud and thatch, the new city, a few miles distant, was constructed of stone.

With the introduction of the camel to Africa around the beginning of the Christian Era, it was a simple matter to cross the forbidden Sahara. There were numerous caravan routes from the Mediterranean to the Land of the Blacks and the earliest contacts between whites and blacks, between Europe and Africa, were across the Sahara. Thus, the two civilizations exchanged goods and culture.

There was practically no contact between Europeans and the people of Lower Guinea (which takes the name from Ghana) until the 15th Century, however. Neither the whites nor the powerful Sudanese blacks could penetrate that far because of the vast forests and powerful pagan states, like the Mossi Empires, which bordered the present Northern Territories of the Gold Coast. Nevertheless, it is evident that the Guinea blacks knew about the Mediterranean people, and vice versa.

THERE WAS continual friction between the black Soninke rulers of Ghana and the "white" Berbers in the Sahara, the Lemtuna and the Goddala. About A. D. 990, a Soninke town, Audaghost, occupied by the Lemtuna and developed as a flourishing trading center, rivalling Ghana,

was recaptured and incorporated into the Soninke empire.

The Lemtuna and Goddala Berbers then joined forces against the Soninke. Later becoming converted to Islam, they forced their puritanical creed upon the mass of Berbers. The leaders of this austere cult, calling themselves the Almoravids, then launched a jihad, or holy war. (In Arabic Almoravids means Al-morabethin, or "the people of hermitage," in reference to the movement's leaders having once retreated to a hermitage on an island in the lower Senegal River where they instructed their first converts.)

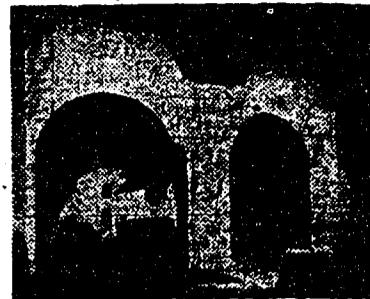
THE JIHAD was to conquer and convert the pagan peoples of the Sudan and to force the Almoravid interpretation of Islam on the laxer orthodox Moslems of North Africa.

The movement split. The main body of Almoravid warriors went north, conquering Morocco and Spain. About 1060 (six years before the Normans conquered England) the Sudanese branch under Abubekr, who commanded smaller forces, took Ghana, and in 1076 annexed the empire. However, he was killed in 1087, while suppressing a Soninke revolt, and Ghana was again free, although greatly disrupted by the Almoravid rule, and shrunken in size and authority. The former provinces of Diara and Kaniaga became separate kingdoms. The latter owed its independence to Fulani migrants from Tekkur who composed its ruling class. They being members of the So clan, their land became known as the Sosso Empire. Around 1100 A. D. it annexed Diara, and in 1203, the great Sosso emperor, Sumanguru took Ghana and swallowed what remained of its empire.

THIS DID HIM NO GOOD because the Moslem community quit Ghana and moved to Walata, out of his reach. He then turned south and attacked the powerful Mandingo state of Kangaba. That was a mistake because he was defeated and killed about 1235 A. D., and his territories were taken by the Mandingo ruler, Sundiata.

The remnants of the Sosse scrambled back to Tekkur (near the Senegal River mouth) where they ruled until 1350 when they were overthrown by the Woloffs.

SO PASSED the Empire of Ghana which from a small beginning in the Second Century became, under its black kings, the principal kingdom of the Sudan,



NIGHT VIEW of Christiansborg Castle, residence of Governor-General.

the Land of the Blacks, controlling the trade between Lower Guinea and the Mediterranean. Through its markets passed gold, ivory, kola nuts, gums, honey, wheat, cotton and slaves. With a standing army of 200,000 men and great wealth, with a capital city of wood and stone surrounding rich gardens, with a palace filled with sculptures and art glass windows, with its rule extended at its zenith over the great Berber city of Audhoghast, the veiled tribes of the desert and the primitives on the jungle borders, Ghana for a half-thousand years seemed supreme. Small wonder that the Gold Coast aspires to its name and fame.

Educational Facts About U. S. Negroes

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Negroes in America have "absorbed" education in large doses since the turn of the century, according to statistical information which The Courier has received. Advancement in education began following Supreme Court decisions in the celebrated Gaines, Sweatt, McLaurin and Henderson cases, and reached its climax with the May 17, 1954 decision of the nation's highest tribunal; which declared in effect that segregation in education was unconstitutional.

In 1949, 12,659 Negroes received degrees, and it is felt that the increase each year since then has been steady.

There are approximately 200 Negroes teaching on faculties of white colleges and universities.

There are about 378,000 Negroes in public high schools.

There are more than 2,245,000 Negroes in public schools throughout the nation.

There are 106 Negro colleges and universities... and approximately 105,000 Negro college students, with 75,146 in institutions attended predominantly by Negroes.

Value of Negro-used school property is in excess of \$148,000,000.

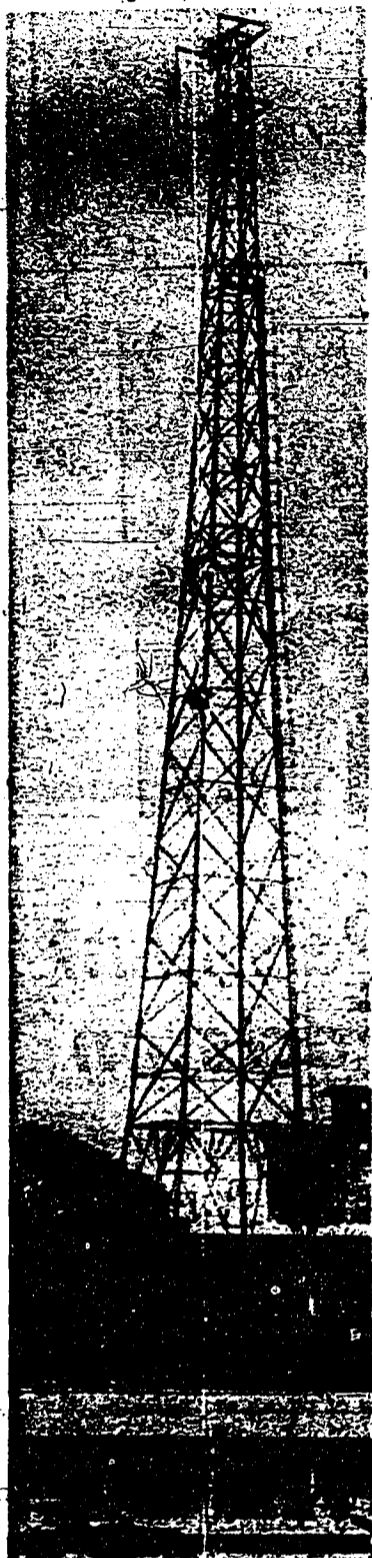
It is also estimated that there are more than 75,000 Negro teachers in the United States... many of them performing in an integrated system.

Illiteracy among Negroes in the United States is less than 4 per cent.

It is noteworthy to stress that more emphasis in education, during the past several years, is being placed on technological training (chemists, engineers, scientists)... and that state-supported schools are improving both in physical standards and faculty requirements.

Drilling for Oil
ACCRA—The Gold Coast Gulf Oil Company is carrying out drilling operations in search of oil in Western Nzima and Half-Assini.

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HIGH ABOVE Kumesi soars this 250-foot tower, part of newly installed VHF radio-telephone network between Ashanti and Tamale in the Northern Territories.

The Top '15'

Population Figures of Negroes in Big Cities

NEW YORK, N. Y.	1,045,512
CHICAGO, ILL.	805,346
PHILADELPHIA, Pa.	484,644
DETROIT, Mich.	408,925
WASHINGTON, D. C.	397,883
LOS ANGELES, Calif.	310,305
BALTIMORE, Md.	266,661
ST. LOUIS, Mo.	248,455
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.	210,542
BIRMINGHAM, Ala.	208,705
NEW ORLEANS, La.	200,566
ATLANTA, Ga.	165,814
CLEVELAND, Ohio	154,120
HOUSTON, Tex.	150,452
PITTSBURGH, Pa.	137,264

Armstrong Donates to Gold Coast Charities

ACCRA—A sum of nearly 650 pounds (around \$1800), proceeds of a single concert given here in May by Louisa Armstrong and his band... has been distributed among eight Gold Coast charities.

GOLD COAST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

ROOM of the Gold Coast conforms with those in Parliaments within the commonwealth and in the "free world." The two benches on left seat Ministers, and behind them Government supporters. On right sit Opposition and independent members, and behind them Government supporters who

have no seats on the other side. In background is Speaker's chair, with table of the clerk to the Legislative Assembly in front, on which is rack for the mace. Ministers and leading members of Opposition speak at table; others from their places. Bar of the House is in immediate foreground.

'White Paper' Reveals How New Nation Will Operate!

ACCRA, Ghana—A government "White Paper" has outlined the operations of the new nation.

According to experts, the set-up includes the most desirable features of British, Indian and other nations... with Ghana divided into regions, each with a General Assembly.

Each region will have a House of Chiefs, with power to consider any matter referred to it by any Minister or by the National Assembly.

THE "WHITE PAPER" lists the final view of the people, and while various modifications have been made to the opposition and the four Territorial Councils, it still has recommended to the Legislative Assembly those proposals supported by the majority of the people at the last general election.

The Government, through its "White Paper" has admitted there should be some devolution of powers from the Central Government to the regions, but insists the process be gradual. Regional Assemblies will have powers similar to those of the London County Council (legislative, executive and financial).

UNDER THE new constitution, the number of the regions and the boundaries will be established by law. Provision by law will also be made for the authority, functions and powers of the Regional Assemblies.

Subject to Parliament, these powers will include authority to deal with local government, agriculture, animal health, forestry, education, communications, medical and health service and public works.

The constitution will contain full guarantees of individual rights.

Main disagreement centers around three areas:

- (1) Proposals for setting up a "Council of State."
- (2) Second Chamber of Parliament.
- (3) Regional devolution.

The government has taken a firm position in all of these situations.

Principal Cities of New Nation

Ghana, the new African nation on the fabulous Gold Coast, has eight cities with populations of more than 15,000 and 16 with 15,000 or less.

Largest city in the new nation is Accra, the capital, with 150,000, of which less than 3,000 are whites.

Kumasi, capital of the Ashanti Confederacy, is next with 72,000 population, of which about 800 are non-African.

Tamale, capital of the Northern Territory, has 18,000, of which 120 are non-African.

Other principal cities and their populations are:

Keforuida	17,715
Keta	11,373
Wenema	15,920
Obuasi	15,833
Sekondi-Takoradi	60,000

Practically all of these cities are on the railroad line, about 600 miles in length, running north to Kumasi and then in a wide loop down to the coast.

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What New Premier Is Facing

ACCRA—"Our next united task is the achievement of economic justice." These were the words of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Prime Minister, in discussing the all-enveloping topic of "What Lies Ahead After Independence."

Continuing, he listed other objectives of the new government:

"THERE MUST also be freedom from want and freedom from disease, filth and squalor. Industrial and agricultural development are essential for the achievement of our aim.

"We, the Government, are firmly resolved to build an economically strong nation that will improve the living standards of its people.

"The future of our country," he urged, "lies in organized labor. Labor must be productive and effective."

DR. NKUMAH recalled the vital part played by the trade union movement in the country's struggle for self-government and helping to bring about "the glorious prospects of a people that know no master but themselves."

There had been differences, he said, within the trade union movement. He was glad to know that these differences were being eradicated.

Another area where considerable attention has centered is in housing. More than 50,000 people are now living in Government housing projects and this number will be rapidly increased as the slum clearance plan moves into high gear. Most of the government houses have been built in the last five years.

Exchange Student From U. S. Likes Living in Ghana

ACCRA—Charles Collins II is Lincoln University's (Pa.) first student here under the school's "Junior Year Around" plan.

Enrolled at University College here for the study of philosophy, Collins is believed to be the first American student to enroll under this plan at an African university.

Degrees for the college, with a physical plant valued at more than \$20,000,000 and with an endowment of \$10,000,000, are offered through the University of London, England.

School authorities say Collins has thoroughly adjusted himself to undergraduate life, has made many friends and is an excellent "ambassador."



Mr. Collins

Ceiling Zero!

Woman Meteorologist "Reads the Weather".

ACCRA—Airplanes swinging in and out of this airport on the international trunk route, learn about weather conditions from a woman.

She's 23-year-old Vesta A. Tetley, a cadet meteorological officer, who has returned here from a six-months' training course in England.

Miss Tetley, a daughter of the late V. A. Tetley, Deputy Director of Education, will soon become a meteorological officer. A graduate of Achimote School, and a



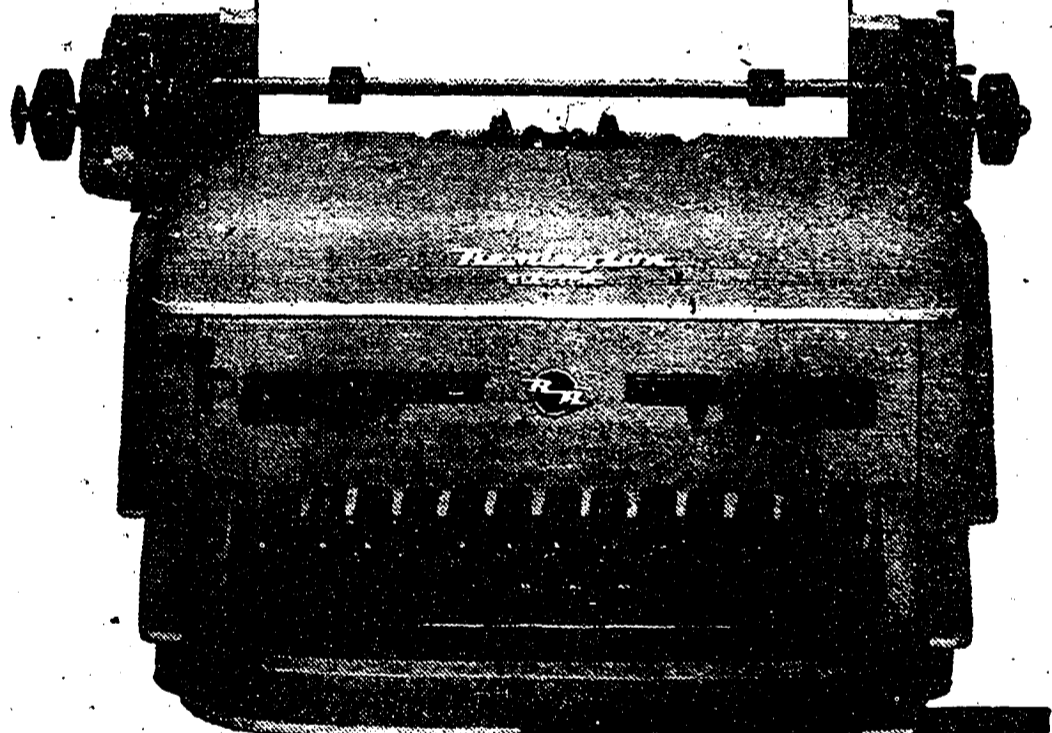
A woman... Vesta A. Tetley, is a meteorological officer, greeting the pilot and crew of aircraft operating the international trunk route which passes through Accra, capital of the new nation of Ghana. The young lady is 23 years old.

former high school teacher, she undertook her present career after reading an advertisement in a local paper. She was an outstanding student in mathematics and physics.

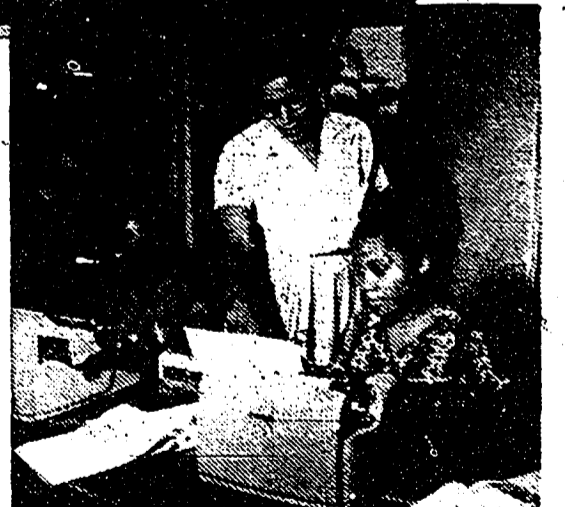
Her training included practical

forecasting at Northold, Uxbridge and London airports, study at Dunstable, headquarters of the Central Forecast System and at the Climatological and Instrument Divisions situated at Harrow.

Remington Rand Salutes GHANA on Its Entry into the Family of Free Nations of the World



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ACCRA... Ghana's Capital City... In New Nation

This Modern City Has Everything!

By J. A. ROGERS

ACCRA... capital of the new African nation of Ghana, is a modern city. It is quite different from the usual American conception of Africa, and compares most favorably with any U. S. metropolis of comparable size.

This modern city, with a Western touch, has a splendid railroad depot with modern cars and diesel locomotives; all run by Africans.

It has busy wharves, where ships from all over the world unload their cargo, and pick up export products from the Gold Coast.

It has fine shops, displaying the latest in American and European styles.

IT HAS fine motels, of which the deluxe Avenida and the new Ambassador Hotel (just completed) are the principal ones.

It has a Supreme Court Building, with black Supreme Court justices, and a black man sitting as Chief Justice.

It has one of the world's finest race courses; tennis and cricket fields; churches serving many denominations; movies (showing American and European pic-

tures) up-to-date public utilities and nattily clad policemen.

Also in Accra is Christianborg Castle, white and stately, which was built by the Danes, and against which the waters of the Gulf of Guinea dash incessantly.

THERE ARE eight daily newspapers, one bi-weekly and four weekly newspapers printed in the Gold Coast. Most are printed in the English language, on modern presses and with the latest in composing room equipment.

In Accra's suburbs is Achimota University College, where courses are the same as those given in leading American and European universities.

Other colleges and high schools in Accra, or in the interior, are Ebenezer, Mfantse, Aldisel, St. Andrews, Africa and Dodowa.

In the primary schools are

some 220,000 boys... 70,000 girls. Because of the shortage of schools, a great many cannot be admitted. This is one of the primary problems which will face the new nation.

NEXT MOST important city is Takoradi (with nearby Sekondi). Docked at its piers are ships of 11 lines... among them the Farrell, the Elder and Dempster lines.

It is a hustling, bustling seaport with its great cranes, its vast storehouses, its thousands of longshoremen.

Through Takoradi goes most of the cocoa raised on the Gold Coast. This is the nation's chief export, supplying more than half of the world's supply of this bean. Other exports include the kola-nut, palm-nut, bauxite, manganese ore, gold, diamonds, lumber and skins.

Gold Coast export business ran well over \$300,000,000 in 1951... and the same year imports were close to \$140,000,000.

KUMASI... in the interior... is also a modern town and a railhead, with all the facilities found in Accra.

Also in this city is one of the finest hospitals in all Africa, with beds for more than 540 patients.

Accra's 'New Look'

Millions Have Been Spent in New Buildings And Many Other Municipal Improvements

ACCRA, Ghana—The city capital of a new nation, is bursting at the seams. It's a bustling, exuberant, growing metropolis!

It's preparing to roll out the red carpet for Independence Day, March 6. It's undergoing the biggest transformation in its history; and its 150,000 citizens are watching in awe as the skyline changes; as modern European and American architecture mesh with the older buildings.

Everywhere the accent has been placed on expansion and improvement.

NOT ONLY ARE NEW official and Government-sponsored projects rising on all sides... but commercial organizations are expressing their confidence in the country's future by erecting new stores, warehouses, office buildings.

Among the most recent buildings completed are banks, a new central library, the swank new Ambassador Hotel, and a mammoth Memorial Arch to mark the new nation's independence.

PLANS HAVE ALSO BEEN completed for speeding up the flow of traffic in the busy capital. A new central by-pass has been built, and Station Rd., the city's main thoroughfare, has become a dual carriageway.

Trees have been planted along 30 miles of main streets in the town. Millions have already been spent... and millions more will be spent as this city takes its place among the busiest on the continent.

It is expected that within the next five years the population of the city will be doubled.

Ghana Students in U. S. Mark Independence

NEW YORK CITY—Students from the Gold Coast in the United States... about 187 in all... will celebrate the independence of their new nation over the week-end of March 8-9.

Arrangements have been completed by Joseph B. Lomotey of Accra, a candidate for the M.E. degree in social work at Columbia University.

Interviewed last week, Mr. Lomotey admitted a grant of money from his government, to take care of the expenses of the party, had been received.

"However," he added, "since

March 6 comes on a Wednesday, when most students have classes, our celebration will probably take place over the week-end, when all can be present."

Lomotey, who is also president of the All-African Student Union of the Americas (AASUA) was a civil servant in the Gold Coast before coming here to study five years ago. Others on the planning committee include Bonsu Anane, enrolled at City College of New York, and Seth Onwona, in medical school at Cornell University.

To the people of Ghana...

congratulations on the achievement of full independence

and success in the complete fulfillment of the new opportunities afforded as a new dominion in the British Commonwealth of Nations;

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LIBERIA SALUTES GHANA

A Message from President William V. S. Tubman

It is with profound pleasure that the Government and people of the Republic of Liberia, who have enjoyed the blessings of liberty as an independent and Sovereign State since 1847, welcome the people of Ghana into the family of free nations.

From the earliest days of Liberia's founding, its people have had the greatest sympathy for the aspirations of the people of the Gold Coast towards independence. To this end there has always been a free exchange of ideas and close cultural relations between our two countries. Undoubtedly Liberia has encouraged the youth of the Gold Coast to study in its schools and colleges and to even study in the United States and Europe under the Liberian Government scholarship system. The people of Liberia have always welcomed the men and women of the Gold Coast who have worked with us in our commercial enterprises—our mines, farms, plantations, fishing industries and our national institutions.

Because it was the first Independent State in West Africa, it was only natural that Liberia's activities should be expected to reflect the highest ideals of Government. Ever conscious of this sacred obligation Liberians have endeavored to conduct the affairs of State so as to be an inspiration to our neighbors, to all freedom loving Africans and to all other peoples seeking independence.

Liberia hails the birth of Ghana on the 6th day of March, 1957, and wishes for its people the self-same blessings of the Almighty—continued political and economic development—which the history of Liberia demonstrates can be achieved by peoples of African descent through perseverance and determination by those who are dedicated to peace and the democratic principles inherent in the dignity of man.

Liberia is confident that a close relationship will continue to exist between our two countries because our peoples have long shared common ambitions and objectives and cherished those aspirations which the beneficent Creator has implanted in every human heart: the principles of humanity, virtue, and honorable ambition.

THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

1847-1957

NKRUMAH... Ghana's 'Man of Destiny'

'All Women of Gold Coast Are My Brides'

By MARGUERITE CARTWRIGHT

NEW YORK—Do great men make great times . . . or do great times make great men?

This is a question still unanswered as one delves into the background of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, 47-year-old Prime Minister of Africa's Gold Coast.

Nkrumah will be the guiding spirit of the new African nation of Ghana, when it attains its full independence in the British Commonwealth of Nations this month.

WHAT OF this man . . . who has led his country to the brink of this most desired and bitterly contested status.

It is not easy to evaluate, in a small space, this many-faceted personality, though I have personally had an opportunity to look into the many-shifting backgrounds of his life. I have known the places and circumstances of the long, dreamy hours of his formative years.

He was thrown . . . by chance . . . into the role he now fills, and Pa Grant may have struck the spark that lit the future.

I DO not believe that . . . under any circumstance . . . Nkrumah would have been an ordinary man.

Leadership and phenomenal intuition are part of his natural equipment. In the rough and highly partisan political campaigns, some of his idolators may

cast a cooler and more critical eye on him, but 't is absurd to claim that he has lost all of his former appeal.

I have seen adolescent girls carry his photograph in their bosoms . . . grandmothers' faces light up on hearing his name.

Unmarried, he has wisely kept free of entangling alliances, and is quoted as making one of the tactful remarks of the century: "All of the women of the Gold Coast are my brides."

ONE OF his own African . . . not always friendly . . . columnists wrote:

"Even where there is strong opposition, the mesmeric influence of Show-Boy Nkrumah can succeed in changing it overnight."

The word "Show-Boy" is used as a term of affection, meaning that the Prime Minister is a prize specimen.

I have found Dr. Nkrumah to be relaxed, sophisticated, with keen perception his salient characteristic.

He is generally underestimated intellectually, which, of course, give him an advantage over his

EXCLUSIVE PHOTOS . . . Dr. Nkrumah, Big Man of New Nation



Photos above show Ghana's Prime Minister chatting with Accra school girls . . . Dr. Nkrumah broadcasting to Ghanaians . . . the

Prime Minister and the man he succeeds as the head of the new nation Gov. Sir Charles Arden-Clarke).

Colloquialisms!

Following are some of the phrases used by citizens of the Gold Coast, and what they mean:

"Been To" . . . someone who has been to Britain.

"Carful" . . . owners of automobiles.

"Fridgeful" . . . owners of refrigerators.

"Jagwah" . . . Terrific, derived from the much-admired Jaguar sports car.

adversaries. A former university teacher, he holds degrees in theology and philosophy and has studied law.

American-trained, he earned his degrees at Lincoln University in

Chester County, Pa., and at the University of Pennsylvania.

HIS DARING, courage and forceful schemes warrant his having the rank of world figure. No other person has left an equal mark on his country.

He brushes off with good-natured humor and self-deprecation, any suggestion that he will have a place in history.

Given to capricious pronouncements which are often enigmatic in their apparent contradictions . . . his story, I believe, is still to be written.

\$50,000 Health Center

ASAMANKESE—A \$50,000 health center has been opened here by J. H. Allassani, Minister of Health.

Institute Graduates Technical Students

ACCRA—Tarkwa Technical Institute recently graduated 72 students who had completed a three-year course in engineering, carpentry, electricity and joinery.

Principal Imports

ACCRA—Principal imports to Ghana are (1) cotton piece goods; (2) mining and gold dredging equipment and (3) oils and petroleum products. Also high on the list are wearing apparel, cement, iron and steel manufacturing products, tobacco, sugar, fish, ale and beer, meat.

SALUTE to another FREE Nation... GHANA



RICH in natural wealth, the new Republic of Ghana is also endowed with outstanding human resources. Under competent leadership, its forward-looking people have achieved new goals in civic, commercial and cultural fields. Its tremendous economic progress is an eloquent testimonial to its citizens' ability and ambition to take their rightful place among the free nations of the world. As independence comes to this new, but centuries-old nation, the people of the Columbia-Southern Chemical Corporation salute the people of Ghana for their outstanding accomplishments and join with others in welcoming this Republic into the family of free and independent nations.

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No Color Line in Gold Coast Cities



Races mix freely at an open-air night club in Accra, capital of the new nation of Ghana.

By J. A. ROGERS

There is no so-called "color-line" in the big cities in the African Gold Coast.

Africans and whites go to the same hotels, restaurants, bars, and other public places.

The whites usually have their own quarter, but an African who has the money can build or move in . . . if he wishes . . . without trouble.

Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, the Prime Minister, has his suite of offices in the Secretariat.

In the night clubs, too, whites and Africans mix freely. White men dance with black women and black men dance with white English girls.

Of course, Africans run the Gold Coast. That was true, even before independence.

They furnish the legislators, judges, lawyers, doctors and other professionals, who hold degrees from leading English, American and French universities.

The whites dominate commercially.

However, there are wealthy Africans who are members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association . . . some of whom have fleets of fine trucks for trade in the interior.

Some of the latter are women.

Gold Coast people, though they resemble racially, differ in language and dialect. This, in turn, divides them into closely knit, self-governing little states or tribes.

The Gold Coast Colony has 63 such tribes, the Ashanti 25, and the Northern Territory 21.

They are segregationists by training and have little intercourse with other tribes, except through trade. There's little marriage between tribes.

And . . . proud of their dark skins . . . they desire little social contact with white people, whose color, lips, hair and odor they consider strange.

The most integrated groups are the Christians, who are found mostly in the coastal area. Religion is widespread. Gold Coasters are chiefly Wesleyans, Lutherans, Roman Catholics, Seventh Day Adventists, African Methodist Episcopal and Baptists.

Ghana Diplomatic Corps in Training

ACCRA—Plans for representation of Ghana abroad, after independence, have been approved by Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah.

"This is a matter of the first importance for the Gold Coast," the Prime Minister said.

"On independence, we shall depend mainly on our Foreign Service for our relations with Commonwealth and foreign countries. The Gold Coast must play a worthy part in international relations and she must be respected abroad . . ."

At present, 13 future diplo-

matic officers are under training. All but two are abroad. A number of other young trainees are at Oxford University where a special one-year course is being taught.

Estimates have been prepared for the cost of a diplomatic mission in Washington, D. C. Other diplomatic missions will also be opened.

"On the attainment of independence," Dr. Nkrumah concluded, "our Ghana office in London will assume its full diplomatic function and be entitled to diplomatic privileges and immunities."

Top Negroes in U. S. Sports

The late W. Rollo Wilson, for more than 30 years a columnist (sports) with this newspaper, and generally regarded as the dean of sports authorities, listed the following as his "Top Men" in sports during the 20th century.

BASEBALL—Oscar Charleston, Jackie Robinson, Satchel Paige.

BOXING—Joe Louis, Jack Johnson, Sugar Ray Robinson.

FOOTBALL—Duke Slater, Paul Robeson, Fritz Pollard.

BASKETBALL—C. W. (Cum) Posey, Tarzan Cooper, Fats Jenkins.

TRACK—Jesse Owens, Eulace Peacock, Barney Ewell.

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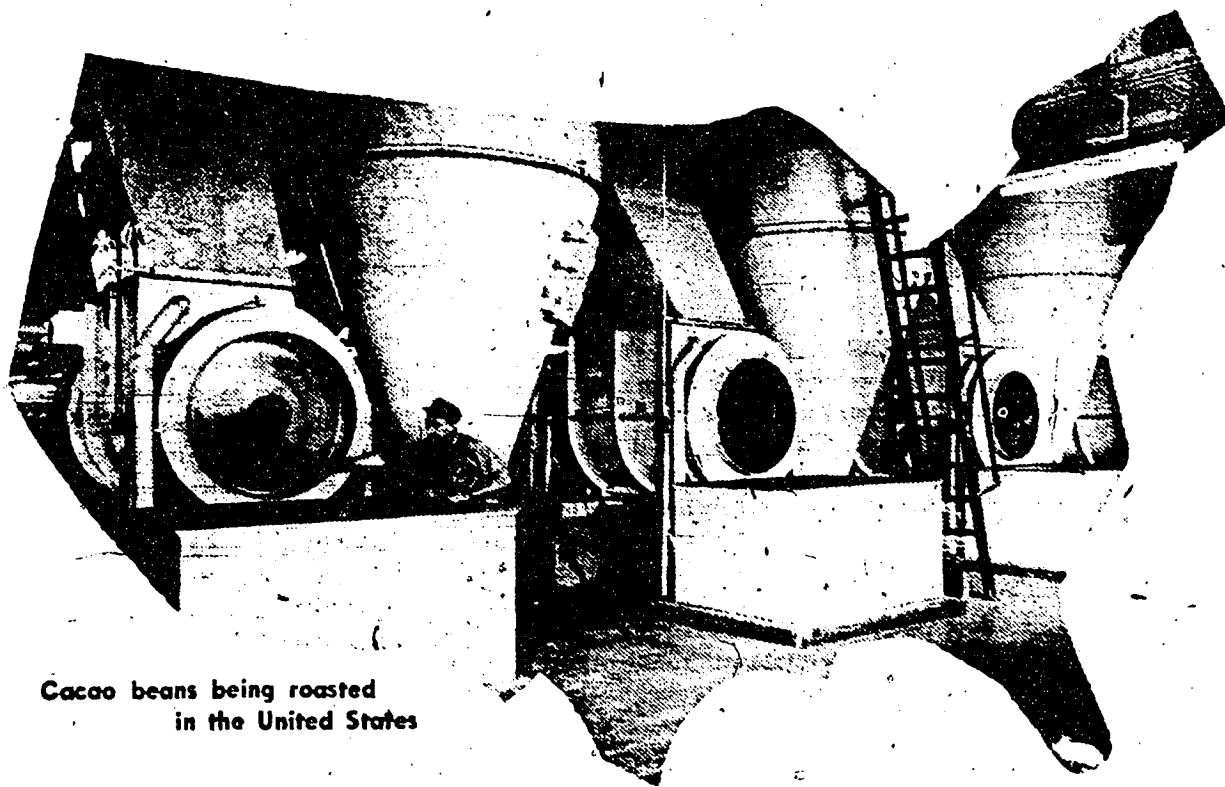
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Ghana Moves Ahead

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ACCRA—Back in 1952, the government of the Gold Coast decided to try and complete a 10-year development plan in five years.

With the establishment of the new nation of Ghana, that goal has been almost achieved.

In a 17,000-word report, the progress in health, education, agriculture, communications and electricity are graphically told.

IT IS EXPECTED that the first plan will be completed by June of this year. Then the second plan will be put into operation.

Approximately 70,000,000 pounds (roughly \$200,000,000) have been spent. Licensed vehicles in Ghana have increased from 7,500 (1939) to more than 30,000 last year.

Close to \$20,000,000 has been spent on roads and bridges. The Accra-Kumasi and Kumasi-Cape Coast roads have been completely reconstructed.

The trunk road to the Northern Territories has been completed. About half of the new coastal road from Accra to Winneba is completed. One-half of the new route to the North (Yapei to Kintampo) has been laid.

In all close to 1,000 miles of new roads have been completed, with the mileage of tarred roads increased from 940 to 1,500. There is a total of 3,633 miles of bituminous surface and gravel roads.

MAJOR RAILWAY project was the new link between Achiasi and Kotoku, which reduces the distance between Accra and Takoradi by 160 miles.

Other important rail undertakings included a line between Accra and the site of the new port at Tema, and from Tema to the Shai Hills, where stone is being excavated for the new breakwaters. Completed is the task of doubling the line between Takoradi and the mining area of Tarkwa.

More than \$3,000,000 was spent on new locomotives . . . diesel as well as steam . . . and rolling stock. Over 300 new "goods wagons" of different kinds were brought into service, representing a big increase in freight capacity.

THE FIRST PHASE of the power development program has been practically completed, despite difficulties in recruiting technical staffs and delays in delivery of equipment.

From 8,500 kilowatts in 1951, the capacity is now more than 20,000 kilowatts. Over \$2,500,000 has been spent on new buildings and generating plants.

Expense of diesel generators may result in an appeal to the United Nations experts to help solve the cost problem.

Water, one of the essentials of the new nation, has yielded to a determined attack.

Extensions of the 1951 water project have far surpassed expectations. The Owabi Water Works is a thing of beauty. Almost \$5,000,000 has been spent in Kumasi and here, including new purification plants, trunk mains, distribution systems to housing estates, erection of several new water works, the sink-



MRS. MARIAN ADDY, one of the women announcers at Broadcasting House, shown before microphone. Seven languages, including English, are used during daily transmissions to all parts of new nation.

ing of more than 1,000 wells and 140 boreholes drilled; 92 of which were successful. Permanent piped water supplies are increasing daily.

AGRICULTURE is one of the

mainstays of Gold Coast economy. A chain of agricultural stations (20 in all) have been set up throughout the nation for extension work and demonstrating better methods of husbandry.

Close to 13,000,000 acres have

Theophilus Lewis Lists 'Honor Roll' in Theatre

NEW YORK—Theophilus Lewis, famed drama critic, has listed the following 10 people to the "Honor Roll" of Negro stars in the theatre during the first half of the twentieth century.

They are: (1) Charles Gilpin; (2) Richard B. Harrison; (3) Bert Williams; (4) Frank Wilson; (5) Abbie Mitchell; (6) Florence Mills; (7) Bill Robinson; (8) Paul Robeson; (9) Muriel Smith; (10) Leigh Whipper.

Other outstanding stars include Williams and Walker, Shelton Brooks, Josephine Baker, Flournoy Miller, Aubrey Lyles, Noble Sissle, Eubie Blake, Ethel Waters, J. Leubrie Hill, Laura Bowman, Andrew Bishop, Clarence Muse, Evelyn Ellis, Todd Duncan, Anne Brown, Jules Bledsoe, Muriel Rahn and Canada Lee.

been surveyed . . . of which 3,600,000 acres contain cocoa, the all-important crop.

There have been almost 25,000,000 cocoa trees cut out on the first treatment and almost 12,000,000 on the second treatment.

Farmers have been compensated in the amount of more than \$10,000,000.

Disease in cocoa trees has been brought under control. Modern farming equipment is being used on some farms, and more is being sought all the time.



Genghis and the Gatekeeper

THOUGH he took scores of fortresses, Mighty Conqueror Genghis Khan met only one wall he could not breach by force.

The Great Wall of China had been built just to keep out those northern barbarians. Tall as a hill and broad enough for six horsemen to ride along abreast, it would be costly beyond reason to storm. The Chinese were complacent.

But complacency is weakness when the enemy is a Genghis Khan. One of the gatekeepers received a secret message: "You shall have gold and high position." It was enough. One night he opened to the Mongol army—and all China fell.

Situations repeat themselves. The current barbarians of the steppes might balk at the cost of a frontal attack. But ours is a free country, and free

countries have many gates. Not big enough for armies, perhaps. But big enough to let secrets out and terrible weapons in.

Who are our gatekeepers? All of us: the voters, the men we elect, and the government officials they appoint. None of us can be complacent about the danger of communism. None of us can forget the price we may have to pay—if a single American in a position of trust is seduced by the promises of communism.

Legend has it that the Khan's first order after entering the gate was that the gatekeeper be put to the sword.

He knew that no traitor can ever be trusted. Perhaps the Russians do too. It's something for our American communists to think about.

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