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## Dramatic Nigerian Visit

ALTHOUGH the visit of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh to Nigeria is overshadowed by more urgent international developments, the drama of its setting and circumstance makes it a far more fascinating story from the human point of view than any other event of the moment.

The Queen and her husband are in what is not only the largest, but potentially the most explosive, colony in the British Commonwealth. There more than 31 million Africans—two and a half times the population of the Union of South Africa—are bursting with nationalistic fervor under the leadership of skillful men like the fabulous Dr. Zik. This inflammatory nationalist, who has done post-graduate work at U.S. universities and holds several high university degrees, predicts that "by the year 2044 Black Africa will have destroyed Europe and brought the U.S. to the verge of extinction."

Dr. Zik's belief in the supremacy of the negro race is expressed with equal strength through other media in the 42-year-old colony where memories of a ruthless slave traffic still rankle. Here is an editorial from one of its 12 newspapers, the Daily Success:

"The Africans know they are Hannibal crossing the Alps when snows were young. They remember they are the little black Bambino, pet of the Italian church. They are Christna, the Black Christ of India. They observe portraits of Black Virgins strewn all over Europe."

"They know their warm Negro blood flowed through the veins of Cleopatra and that Caesar fell in love with her just the same..."

"They know that these and more are no dreams. They know that if they once built pyramids on the Nile, fought with Caesar's battalions, ruled over Spain and dominated the Pyrenees, they the same veritable black people can be great again and be slaves no more."

That is the surging, hungry spirit behind the formalities attending the royal tour. But the two visitors are meeting it with an easy daring which the leaders cannot fail to respect. Recently Queen Elizabeth walked and talked virtually unattended for an hour among 1,000 Nigerians in advanced stages of leprosy. Any nationalist leaders present must have felt a certain admiration for this pretty English girl as she performed her considerate gesture in circumstances which they knew would appall anyone of lesser heart.

Secretly they must have been as proud as the rest of the Commonwealth that she was their Queen.

Terrace Views  
and Comments . . .

By FRANK HEELEY  
SEBASTIAN way they got exercise. Now they ride these buses and get no exercise so they have to build these darnfangled gymnasiums for them to exercise in. Seems kind of screwy to me."

"What's wonderful?" said Sebastian with that rather hen-pecked air. "It's wonderful with you," she said, "every time there's some improvement you have to go all grumpy and find fault with it."

"You women sicken me" retorted Sebastian, "all you think of is new buildings, never a

"Well, I think it's wonderful" he replied, "because dear little Ichabod won't have to get up so early and ride those old buses." "Just look at this," he shouted and waved his tax notice before her face, "just look at it around the corner and he'll be assessments jumped up triple able to come home to lunch instead from last time. And then they stand of packing that dry bread he's buying another two or three and jam around half the day, mills on and who's going to pay it all."

"Tain't like the old days," yes! eating him again" and his grabbed Sebastian, "Then, kids ever redidened, could walk two or three miles. She, seeing this, departed to school and think nothing of quickly into the kitchen. Even it and it didn't hurt none. That the kettle was boiling over.

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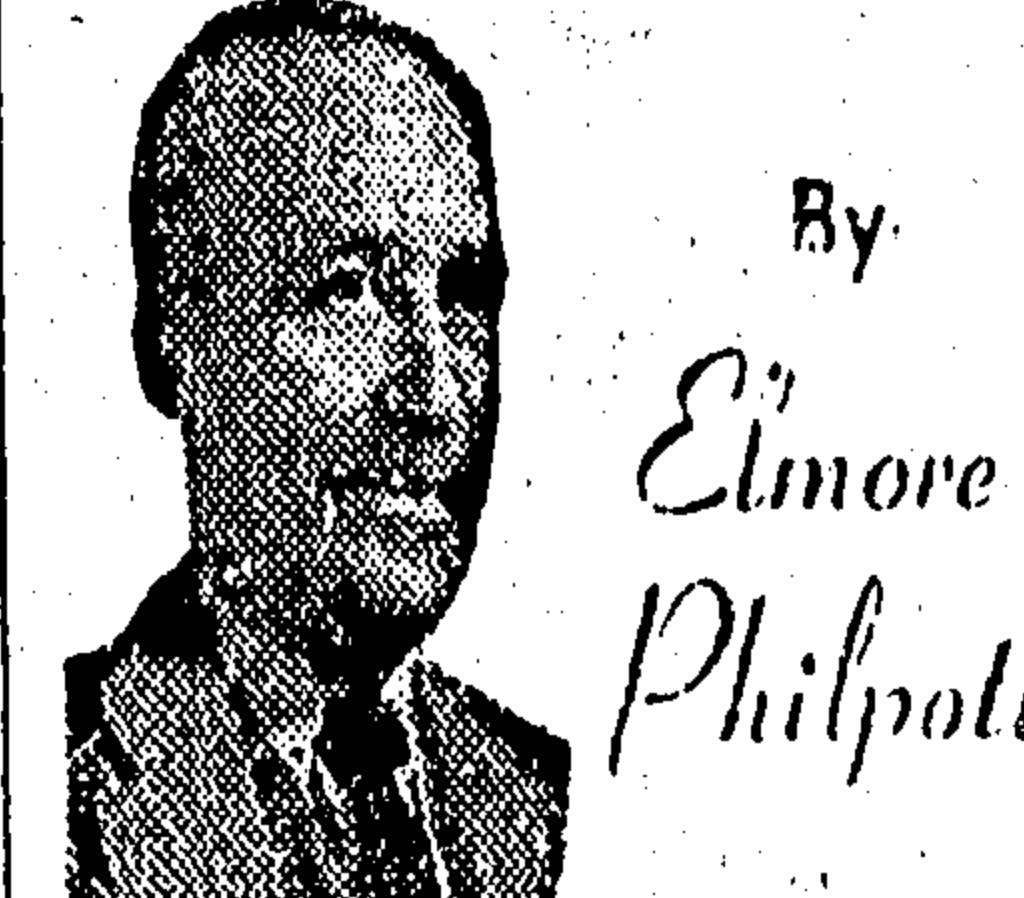
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## As I See It



By

Elmore  
Philpott

## Fluoridation

OTTAWA—Here in Eastern Canada the long argument over fluoridation seems to be over. Starting with Toronto and Hamilton, the big municipalities of Ontario are rapidly falling into line.

In a matter of a few more months, a most imposing list of cities, towns and even rural districts will be supplying water to which fluorides have been added. Hence, the argument will move out of the stage of academic discussion and into the field of experience and fact.

THE government of Canada does not take sides in the argument over fluoridation—at least, not directly. However, the Department of National Health does supply brief leaflets which set for the names of scientific bodies which endorse fluoridation.

These include The Canadian Medical Association, The Canadian Dental Association, The Toronto Academy of Medicine, The Canadian Society of Dentistry for Children, The Dental Public Health Committee of the Ontario Dental Association, The Canadian Public Health Association and The Health League of Canada.

The corresponding bodies in the United States are also all on record in favor of fluoridation. Of 81 university departments of preventive medicine in North America, not a single one is opposed to fluoridation.

No less than 75 of these departments have expressed themselves, more or less emphatically in favor of fluoridation, to help prevent tooth decay in children. Six of these institutions claim insufficient familiarity to warrant expression of an authoritative conclusion. One expressed the need for public caution, but did not oppose fluoridation.

NOT long ago, the medical health officer of Brantford, Ontario, received an international honor for having pioneered this new technique of public health. Is so happens that the Member of Parliament for the City of Brantford, Mr. Jim Brown, was a member of the municipal council when Brantford first authorized the use of fluorides in that city. I asked him how it happened that a moderate sized city should have been not only the first in Canada but one of the first in the world to adopt the measure, which eliminates about two-thirds of tooth decay in children.

Mr. Brown informed me that the municipal council of Brantford made the decision with considerable hesitation and doubt. It did so because of the crusading ardor of the young health officer, who beat down all objections, point by point.

Now, several years after Brantford so made history, the whole city is proud of the prestige it has won in this pioneer field. It has long since been demonstrated that no harm has been done to anyone, but the great good has been achieved, especially for children.

One reason for the rapid spread of the progress of fluoridation is that eastern Canadian municipalities have been somewhat ahead of the West in providing free dental service for school children. Hence, any measure which eliminates two-thirds of tooth decay in school children is a financial boon to the city fathers, who have their own headaches in making ends meet financially.

BRITISH COLUMBIA is the first province in Canada to agree to the proposal by the federal government to enter a nationwide health insurance plan.

The Prime Minister of Canada has stipulated that the federal Parliament will be asked to go ahead full speed with the measure when six of the ten provinces agree—provided that the six provinces in question represent more than half the total population of Canada.

In practice, that means that either Ontario or Quebec, and any other five provinces.

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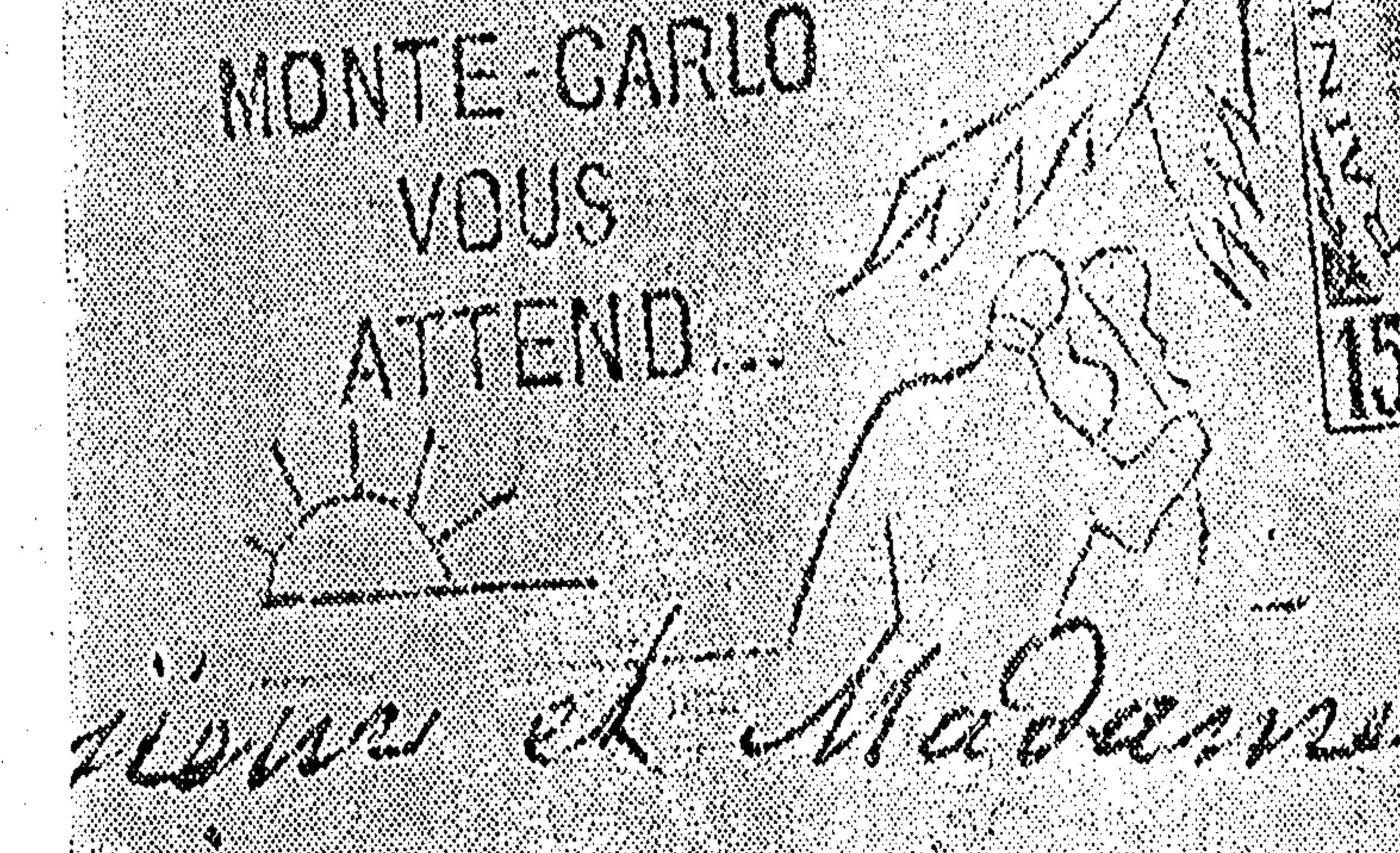
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ROMANCE HAS SMITTEN the Post Office Department of Monaco. Letters mailed from Monte Carlo bear this cancellation stamp showing two lovers watching the sun set over the sea. "Monte Carlo is waiting for you," says the legend. Could be the tiny country is more romantic than ever following the engagement of actress Grace Kelly and Monaco's ruler, Prince Rainier III, whose profile is on the stamp.

## Former Inspector of Vice-Squad Fired As London Police Inquiry Comes To End

LONDON (Reuters)—A long inquiry into bribery and corruption among London police closed Monday with the dismissal of Inspector Charles Jacobs, 47, of the vice squad.

Jacobs was the eighth man named last year by Joseph Grech, 32-year-old Maltese jailed for three years for house-breaking, in allegations against British police.

A detective superintendent took charge of new evidence, combed London's shady Soho quarters, and questioned prostitutes, known mobsters and men serving jail terms.

As a result of inquiries three men, including a solicitor and a detective-sergeant in the metropolitan police were jailed for conspiring to pervert justice at Grech's trial. Six men named were cleared. Grech named Jacobs at the detective-sergeant's trial.

TODAY the former vice-squad leader heard Scotland Yard's police commissioner reject his appeal against the decision of a disciplinary board 12 days ago.

The board found:

• He had been guilty of as-

sisting a convicted prostitute to obtain premises for the purpose of prostitution.

• He had failed to disclose in court the previous convictions of a man found guilty of living on immoral earnings.

• He had failed to account for property he took from a man arrested for living on immoral earnings.

Jacobs has the right of appeal to the home secretary against his dismissal.

TO STAMP OUT CORRUPTION

Sir John Notl-Bower, chief of Scotland Yard, declared last November that he was determined to stamp out all trace of corruption in the police force wherever it may arise.

He maintained that the entire force should not be condemned because "a few weaker spirits yield to temptation."

Allegations had appeared in some newspapers that police were in the pay of gangsters and prostitutes in the plush West End district.

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suming a position of responsibility in connection with the Prince Rupert Klusen Club's Polo fund campaign for \$2,000 to help the B.C. Polo Fund, and will acquaint the public with most of the known facts about the dread disease which strikes every year. Prince Rupert had nine cases here last year.

A WORLD WIDE MENACE

There is no escape from polio, it is world wide. Eskimos bands living in extreme isolation fall prey to it. Even the bleak windswept wastes of the Arctic tundra pose no barrier to this universal scourge.

For example, an epidemic occurred in a remote Eskimo village. The victims were many. All were within a specific age group.

Investigation showed that the last epidemic had occurred before the birth of any one of the present victims. Therefore, all the victims having never been exposed to polio, had natural immunity against it.

Thus, when the disease attacked again a whole new generation fell helpless before it.

A successful polio vaccine would have saved these people, had it been administered before the epidemic broke out.

The difficulty in finding all such groups, without the added complication of vaccinating them, is staggering. A cure, rather than a preventative, is the practical approach in a case like this.

RESEARCH TO FIND A CURE

Research to find a cure is still an essential part of the fight against polio. In spite of all that has been done to combat it, polio is still a major enemy of mankind. The only way to conquer an enemy is to fight it with every possible weapon.

The provision of these won-

ders—research, treatment, and rehabilitation—is a very expen-

sive process. The B.C. Polo Fund

needs your help to assure vic-

tory in the battle we must win

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