

# NYASALAND

## CHISIZA/MAKATA MEMORIAL APPEAL

### An appeal to commemorate two African pioneers

Nyasaland has now won internal self-government and the right to secede from the Central African Federation. Those concerned to help her overcome her economic problems will know what a setback was the recent tragic death of Dunduzu Chisiza in a road accident. This followed closely the death of Lawrence Makata, another Malawi Congress Party pioneer, also killed in a car crash. It has now been decided in Nyasaland to set up a Memorial Fund in honour of these two leaders, with the objects of (a) providing financial assistance for their dependants, (b) establishing a Scholarship Fund to assist Nyasa students of Economics and Social and Political Science and (c) promoting community development projects.

Mr. Chisiza is known best in this country from his "Realities of African Independence," published by the Africa Bureau in 1961 after he had been released from detention where he had pursued avidly the economic studies he began at Fircroft College in 1957. This booklet has been hailed on all sides as one of the most statesmanlike and responsible surveys on African problems ever produced. It was fully in keeping with Chisiza's later achievement at the Ministry of Finance in drafting the Nyasaland Development Plan and in conceiving and organising an Economic Symposium at Blantyre recently on the development problems of Africa, which was attended by experts from all over the Western world. By contrast, Mr. Makata left school early but built up a prosperous chain of businesses which unfortunately collapsed whilst he was in detention in 1959/60. He was a Deputy Chairman of the Malawi Congress Party and, had he lived, would probably have become the first African Mayor of Blantyre.

Leaders of the calibre of Chisiza and his colleague Makata are rare and Nyasaland and the whole of Africa will be the poorer by their death. It is fitting that they should be commemorated in a lasting way.

A United Kingdom Sponsoring Committee for this Memorial Fund has been set up under the secretaryship of Philip Hopkins, the Warden of Fircroft College where Chisiza studied. Members of this Sponsoring Committee are Sir Glyn Jones (Governor of Nyasaland), Dr. Banda, the Hon. David Astor, Ernest Bader, Miss Mary Benson, Charles Brooke-Smith, Frank Byers, Christopher Cadbury, Sir Jock Campbell, Hugh Gaitskell, Lord Hemingford, Edward F. Jackson, Edward Mwasi, the Very Rev. Dr. George F. MacLeod, Sir Godfrey Nicholson, M.P., Alderman St. John Reade and George Thomson, M.P.

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Mr. P. G. H. Hopkins,  
Chisiza/Makata Memorial Appeal,  
Fircroft College,  
Birmingham 29.

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The Hon. Secretary, Chisiza/Makata Memorial Appeal, Fircroft College,  
Birmingham, 29.

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