



SIERRA LEONE
Death of
Sir Milton Margai

Sir Milton Margai, M.B.E., M.L.C., the first Prime Minister of Sierra Leone died in Freetown on April 28. He was the principal architect of his country's independence which was achieved in 1960. Sir Milton, born in 1895, came to England in 1920 and six years later graduated as an M.B.B.S. (Durham). He returned to Sierra Leone and entered the government medical service in 1928. In 1946 he made his first move in the political field when he was elected to the Bonthe district council and entered the Protectorate Assembly. Soon afterwards the Sierra Leone People's Party was formed of which Sir Milton became, and remained until his death, the leader. In the 1951 general election the SLPP won a resounding victory. The country became independent in July, 1960 with Sir Milton, who was knighted in 1959, as its first Prime Minister.

Kaye Whiteman writes: As was expected Sir Milton's brother, Albert Margai, the former Finance Minister, has been asked by the Governor-General to try to form a government. If he succeeds, it should mean a measure of continuity and should also ensure that any restlessness among the youthful members of the SLPP will be controlled. It might also mean a move by Sierra Leone towards the non-aligned African countries.



Above: Mr Duncan Sandys, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations (left) talking with Mr H. H. Marshall, C.M.G., Q.C., Assistant Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, at the opening of a meeting of representatives of the professions in Britain and their Commonwealth counterparts at Marlborough House, London. Mr Sandys described these contacts between professional and commercial organisations as "the life-blood of the Commonwealth relationship." More than 30 professional representative organisations attended

Left: Tokunbo Akanni Akintola, son of the Premier of Western Nigeria, got a family

send-off when he arrived at Eton College in Britain. He is the first Nigerian to be a pupil there

Top Left: At the recent International Hardware Trades Fair at Olympia, the Canadian High Commissioner, Mr Lionel Chevrier (left), visits the ETF Tool Stand which was part of the Canadian Government's exhibit. He is talking with Mr Peter B. Hill, the President of ETF Tools at St. Catherine's, Ontario. Earlier the High Commissioner had spoken at the opening luncheon. Other speakers were Lord Drumalbyn, Minister of State to the Board of Trade and Sir Hugh Fraser, Bt. (A preview of the International Hardware Trades Fair appeared in *The Sphere* for April 11)