INDEPENDENCE FOR SIERRA LEONE: Mr. Iain Macleod opens the constitutional conference on the future of Sierra Leone in Lancaster House, London. The Colonial Secretary said the principle of independence was agreed. What they had to decide was the date for it.

The constitutional Conference on Sierra Leone opened in a very friendly atmosphere last week. Addressing the delegates Mr. Macleod referred to the "orderly and systematic advance" of the Colony and Protectorate and went on to say, amid applause, they need waste no time about the principle of independence for Sierra Leone. That was agreed "without further ado."

The main task of the meeting would be to decide the date for independence and settle the various questions involved in the hand-over of power. Sir Milton Margai, Premier of Sierra Leone, spoke of his country's "cordial and peaceful relations" with Britain and made it clear that when independent the people of Sierra Leone would remain within the Commonwealth.

THE FUTURE OF SIERRA LEONE

A Conference in London to Decide the Date for "Independence Day"

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE LEADER OF THE SIERRA LEONE DElegation: Before the proceedings start in Lancaster House, Mr. Macleod shakes hands with Sir Milton Margai, the Prime Minister of Sierra Leone. It was understood the Sierra Leoneans were asking that December 7 should be the day on which they become independent within the Commonwealth.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM WEST AFRICA: From left are Mr. H. N. Geogestone; Mrs. Harris; Mrs. Cummings-John and Mr. A. H. Denby. All the political parties and independent opinion were represented among the delegates from Sierra Leone at Lancaster House.

A CONSULTATION AMONG THE BRITISH: Mr. Macleod confers with the Earl of Perth (centre), Minister of State, Colonial Office, and Sir Hilton Poynton, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Colonial Office. The talks on Sierra Leone were expected to last ten days.
Right: The proceedings of the Sierra Leone Constitutional Conference at Lancaster House, in London, were conducted throughout their two weeks in an atmosphere of friendliness and accord. At the final meeting Sir Milton Margai, the Prime Minister of Sierra Leone, spoke for many of the delegates when he said he was only restrained from dancing for joy out of respect for Mr. Macleod, who was presiding. On April 27 next year the West African Colony and Protectorate (population 1,860,000) will become independent. On this question of date, the Sierra Leonians, who had asked for December 7 this year as Independence Day, had apparently willingly met the British proposal. Britain is to give financial assistance totalling £7,000,000 in the form of loans, grants and technical aid to Sierra Leone.

Right: A four-man United Nations mission recently completed a three-week tour of Tanganyika. Far-reaching constitutional reforms to give the Trust Territory self-government were announced by the British authorities earlier this year. The members of the U.N. mission were Ambassador Mason Sears, of the United States (he is seen in the picture of the textile factory); Mr. Paul Edmonds of New Zealand; Señor Miguel Solano Lopez, of Paraguay (both are seen at Mtwar), and Ambassador Omar Louf, of the United Arab Republic. They made extensive journeys through the country and all four were reported to be loud in the praise of its administration, which they regarded as an example to the world. In Dar-es-Salaam, Ambassador Sears, Sir Richard Turnbull, the Governor of Tanganyika, and Mayor Amri Abdi toured the city on bicycles.

Right: Demonstrations continued in the main cities of South Korea last week after the resignation of Dr. Syngman Rhee from the Presidency and the formation of a Caretaker Cabinet by Mr. Huh Chung. It seemed that the demonstrators wanted the reforms promised by Mr. Chung to be speeded up. Mr. Chung had announced that the present Assembly was to be dissolved at the end of next month and new elections held in July. Meanwhile, the constitution was to be revised to provide a more responsible governmental system. (Dr. Rhee, as President, had held almost supreme powers.) Various proposals were being mooted by the two main parties, the Liberals and the Democrats: Dr. Syngman Rhee made his first public appearance since his retirement when he attended the funeral of Lee Ki Poong, the Vice-President-elect, and his family, who had reportedly died as a result of a suicide pact.
PERSONALITIES OF THE WEEK: PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOVIET PRAESIDUM: MR. LEONID BREZHNEV.
Marshall Brezhnev has been succeeded by Mr. Brezhnev, who is fifty-three, as President of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet. It was reported that Marshal Vorelovich retired on the grounds of ill-health. The new President was elected deputy of the Supreme Soviet in 1954 and, in August 1955, first secretary of the Kazakh Central Committee.

APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO BOLIVIA: MR. HOLLIDAY.
Since 1956 head of the European economic department of the Foreign Office, Mr. Holliday, who is fifty and was educated at Roehil and Queen's College, Oxford, has been appointed Ambassador to Bolivia in succession to Sir James Henderson, who is retiring. He has had diplomatic service in South America, Poland, the U.S., Sweden and India.

THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE RIBA: PROFESSOR SIR WILLIAM HOLFORD.
It was announced on May 4 that Sir William Holford was to be President of the Royal Institute of British Architects in succession to Mr. Basil Spence, who retires on June 30. Sir William, who is fifty-three, has been Professor of Town Planning at University College, London, since 1948, and in planning consultant to the City of London.

Major-General F. W. H. Pratt, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., N.C., died at Winchester on April 26, aged sixty-seven. Educated at Cheltenham and R.E.A., Woolwich, he had a distinguished army career in both world wars. From 1946 to 1948, when he retired, he was A.D.O. to the King, and was Colonel Commandant, Royal Artillery, from 1949 to 1957.

LEADING THE CAMBRIDGE ATHLETICS TEAM: MICHAEL ROBINSON.

LEADING THE OXFORD ATHLETICS TEAM: JOHN B. HOLT.
We show here the Presidents of the Oxford and Cambridge Athletics Clubs, who meet in the inter-University athletics match at White City on May 14. Michael Robinson, of Malby G.S. and Queen's College, Cambridge, is a blunder while John B. Holt, of Manchester G.S. and Manchester College, Oxford, runs in the quarter and half-miles.

MARKING THE OPENING OF THE NEW BUTCHERS' HALL: THE BISHOP OF LONDON.
Mr. L. G. Holliday.
The new Butcher's Hall, at Bartholomew Close, has been built to replace that destroyed in 1944. It has been built on the same site as the old hall, to a different design, and was officially opened by the Bishop of London on May 4. The new hall will be used for meetings of the members and trade functions.

ENTHRONED AS FIFTH BISHOP OF PORTSMOUTH ON MAY 5: DR. J. R. L. PHILLIPS.
Dr. John Henry Lawrence Phillips, who was former Archbishop of Nottingham from 1949 to 1959, was enthroned as Bishop of Portsmouth. He is fifty. Last year he was appointed Chaplain to the Queen. Dr. Phillips was educated at Weymouth College and at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. The new bishop takes a keen interest in many forms of sport.