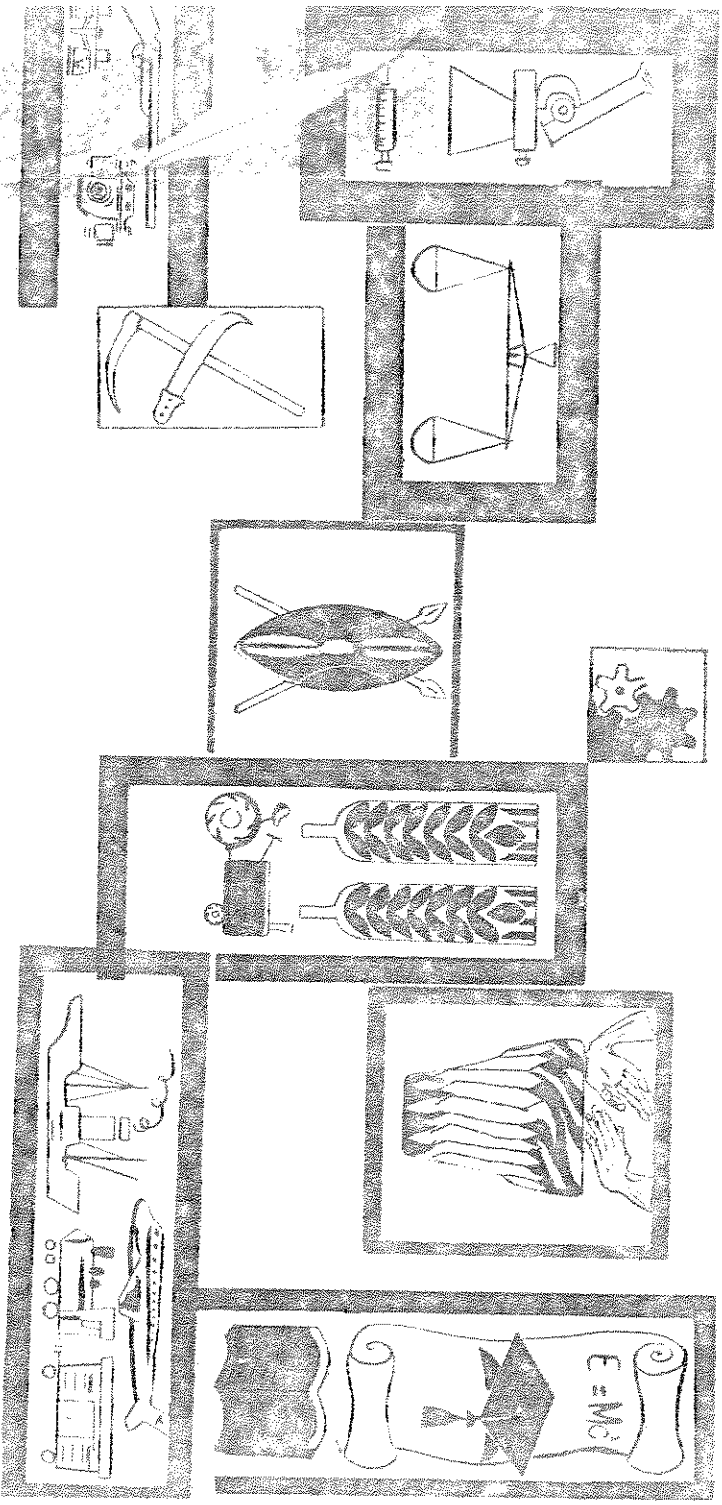


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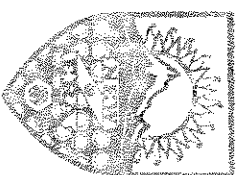
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## U.N. DAY CEREMONY

Dr. Gile, UNESCO, chief of Mission, visited New Era College on the eve of the United Nations Day to address the staff and the students of the College. Welcoming Dr. Gile, the Vice Principal, Mr. Kul Bhushan commented upon UNESCO- and the great task it is trying to do for the world. In Canada a U.N. Model Youth Assembly was being organised every year and we would very much like to see such a project being launched Kenya since it would force the younger generation to face up to the problems they will name to tackle to-morrow.

Dr. Gile then addressed the college and said that after World War Second various nations decided to set up a body which would help in solving political problems in the world. The United Nations has 15 other organizations like the Unesco, F.A.O. and W.H.O. All these bodies were performing their respective tasks for the betterment of the world the real solution to bring peace in the world was through education so that various nations understood each other and thus live peacefully. When nation understands each other, they will not fight with each other. Unesco encourages education of the world

means. It provides scholarships to students so that they can in turn impart knowledge to people of their countries. He informed the gathering about the new Adult Literary Officer who has been appointed to help Kenya Government tackle illiteracy. The new officer comes from Ecuador in Latin America. In the Scientific field it helps and encourages developing countries like Kenya to set up research institutions so that the very right things are found and taught to others. It encourages the development and discovery of natural resources and scientific research useful for the development of the country. It helps in solving the scientific problems by their discussion by scientists from various countries and the eventual benefit to the whole world. In its Cultural field it helps people to understand the cultures of the other people and thus develop mutual understanding and respect. Instead of having cultural differences the nations can try to understand each other and thus help in bringing about the real and lasting solution to world peace.

In proposing a vote of thanks the Principal of the College Mr. V. P. Sharma said, "Were it not for

fighting each other to death and destruction. Thanks to U.N. effort efforts, a disastrous war had been scrubbed and a ceasefire brought about - the Indian Subcontinent.

#### VISIT TO THE NATIONAL PARK

It was a Friday, early in the morning at about ten minutes to eight, that brought three small vehicles arranged for teacher, by our teacher who was responsible for that tour, started calling out names one after the other after which we flocked into the vehicles. Finally all was really fine and we took our trip to the National Park, arriving there safely at about a quarter past eight.

As soon as we arrived there we met an English man who was very kind to us. He informed us that, he would first show us the film concerning the wild-life in National Parks and also the student students at Mweka College in Tanganyika who are learning how to look after the wild life in the National Park. In my opinion the students at Mweka College were very intelligent and hard working. I also found that they did their work quite co-operatively without making complaint.

When he finished showing the film, Mr. asked whether we has any questions and he would try to answer them, correctly for us. We asked him several and he answered them correctly for us. From there we got into our vehicles for the game park, and at the gate of the park our teacher, who is Miss Wood, paid some amount, so that we could be allowed to get inside the park, and after doing so, she was asked to sign a certain document.

Eventually we motored to the game park, and the first animal we saw was a Jackal, after moving

in a mob. Guineafowls, which look more like hens with white and black spots on their feathers, ostrich, giraffe, with a very tall neck and about eighteen feet in height, hyena, wild-beast impala, and monkeys. After viewing all that animals, we motored a very long distance to the Athi River check whether we could find hippos and crocodiles. But unfortunately we didn't see any of those animals. From there we popped into our vehicles and were on our way home.

On our way coming back we saw a number of baboons beside the road, and also apes. And further a head we came upon female lion. After observing it very well, we left the place and went away, for it was raining and our vehicles could get into trouble because of the bad condition of the road.

We reached our destination of the main buildings again and after reaching the gate stopped for a while. Later on we started our journey back to town. Truly we enjoyed the comfortable seats in the vehicles. We reached school at twenty-five minutes to one, and after our arrival we were released to go home, by our generous teacher Miss Wood. I hope that she enjoyed the excursion very much for it was her first visit to the park. In all the tour was quite successful.

Variety

is

The Mother

of

Enjoyment.

(DISRAELI)

## WHAT THE STUDENTS THINK ABOUT US?

In September we carried out a survey at this college to find out what our students think about the college. This will greatly help us to plan better facilities for the next year. More than one hundred Form 1 students were given printed forms with questions. We are pleased to note that all of you fool this seriously and the results have been most interesting for us.

The Secretarial Class has to be thanked for processing and counting these forms and arriving at the results. We feel that you have a right to know the answers and so here we publish your answers as stark facts and without comment.

### Question 1

- |                        |      |  |
|------------------------|------|--|
| (a) I heard of New Era | from |  |
| (b) the radio          | 4%   |  |
| (c) from a friend      | 72%  |  |
| (d) from a newspaper   | 15%  |  |
| (e) accidentally       | 4%   |  |
| (f) no answer          | 7%   |  |

### Question 2

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| (a) I find that the building and classrooms are |     |
| (b) very neat and clean                         | 59% |
| (c) not clean                                   | 3%  |
| (d) dirty                                       | 1%  |
| (e) overcrowded                                 | 37% |

### Question 3

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|---|-----|
| (a) I was led to join the college because it was decided by |     |
| (b) myself  | 46% |
| (c) by my father  | 17% |
| (d) by my friend  | 10% |
| (e) all   | 6%  |
| (f) it was the only place I got admission                   | 8%  |
| (g) because a student from my college recommended it        | 2%  |
| (h) I couldn't make up my mind and just joined it           | -   |

### Question 4

- |  |     |
|--|-----|
| (a) Do you think that it is useful to have talks, films and debates in educating you properly? |     |
| (b) Yes.   | 83% |
| (c) No.  | 8%  |

### Question 5

- |                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| (a) Do you want a class library? |     |
| (b) Yes.                         | 84% |
| (c) No.                          | 3%  |

### Question 6

- |   |      |
|---|------|
| (a) How would you like to pay for the college magazine? |      |
| (b) in advance  | None |
| (c) with monthly fees                                   | 5%   |
| (d) buy it when it is published                         | 56%  |

### Question 7

- |  |     |
|--|-----|
| (a) Do you want less teachers but qualified                  |     |
| (b) one teacher per subject although he may not be qualified | 75% |
| (c) 14%  |     |

### Question 8

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| (a) What improvements do you suggest?      |  |
| (b) more qualified teachers.               |  |
| (c) exercise books to be given free.       |  |
| (d) stricter discipline.                   |  |
| (e) college uniform to be made compulsory. |  |
| (f) sports fields.                         |  |

### Question 9

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|---|-----|
| (a) Do you think that New Era is better than other colleges |     |
| (b) the same as other colleges                              | 42% |
| (c) worse than other such colleges                          | 38% |
| (d) 17%   |     |

CONTINUED.

### Question 10

Why some reasons:-

- (a) because there are (good teachers and library and we are provided with magazine
- (b) We have got a good teacher from Canada who is qualified. She can make the pupils understand her subjects better.
- (c) The fees are the same and it is approved by the Government.
- (d) because the teachers teach according to the syllabuses.
- (e) The classes are neat with good ventilation.
- (f) Good character of the students. Students go out for outings etc.
- (g) It has expensive books from overseas and it is a famous college. It offers a free course from America.
- (h) If well qualified teachers who lead students to new knowledge.
- (i) Kind and helpful Principal. Most well organised college of all the colleges in Nairobi. May God bless it even more!

Well this is what you think of us - the college and its staff. Perhaps you would like to know what we think of you (the students). You do, then just wait till you get your FINAL EXAMINATION REPORT-!!!

Editor.

At Every Word A Reputation Dies.

(POPE)

Hitch Your Wagon To A Star.

(EMERSON)

### PRIZE COMPETITION

#### LAST MONTH'S WINNER

Salim Pisani  
Student No. C/496  
who wins books worth 20/-  
CONGRATULATIONS Salim!

The correct answers are:-

1. Microscope - Ministry of Health.
2. Pair Of Scales - Justice.
3. Hoe & Panga - Labour.
4. Gun & Camera - Natural Resources
5. Wild Life & Tourism.
6. Cogs - Industry & Commerce.
7. Shield with Spears - Defence.
8. Tractor - Agriculture.
9. Drum - Information & Broadcast-  
ing.
10. Book - Education.
11. Ship, Railway and aeroplane  
- Communications.

#### THIS MONTH'S PRIZE COMPETITION

Do you know what our badge stands for? If you do, then you can win a new badge in five colours for your shirt if you write down what it consists of, what the symbols and the colours mean and what is the message it contains for its students.

All entries must be accompanied with the Prize Coupon for November. The Editor's decision will be final.

Gets two books worth Sh. 20/-

COUPON  
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N E W E R A

10 Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

Until recent years it has been to travel to the U.S.S.R. Those that did visit were mostly from the East Europe and America are not visiting it everyday. Russia appeals to the tourist because it is "off the beaten track". New and different experiences are there for visitors, and the citizens not blasé - Tourism is carried on by a Government Agency called Intourist which deals with publicity, sets up tours, runs hotels etc. I became interested in travelling there because in 1963, 2 teachers on our staff had gone, and the accounts of their experience appealed me. Also I taught the geography of the country to second form students. Intourist, has agents all over the world which book tours for them. In Toronto they were about five and I made arrangements through one of them. The trip I took was a basic 3 weeks, tourist class, English language tour of the principal Western Cities. Since it began in Moscow and ended in Leningrad, the individual was responsible for transportation into and out of the country. I was spending this entire summer of 1964 in Europe starting with Scotland on July 8th. Thus, the 3 weeks in Russia, came in the middle of my visit - From August 1st to the 21st. Consequently, I flew from Vienna to Moscow. On Austrian Airlines with a half-an-hour stop-over in Warsaw, Poland. The seventeen people on our tour came from Canada, United States, Britain and Australia. We had a permanent Russian, English speaking Intourist guide with us all the time. As we arrived in each new city we were looked after by a second. Intourist guide, who knew the places well - So, our prominent guide, Nina, took care of hotels, flights, baggage and the booking of evening entertainment. The second guide would show us the city.

We spent 4 days in Moscow seeing the famous Metre (under ground railway) the walled Kremlin which has served as a Fort, Religious Centre, and now houses, the Government of the U.S.S.R. and Administrative officers. Until 1959 visitors were not allowed to see inside, but now, they are and it is the memorable event. Moscow is a city of broad avenues, large public and apartment buildings the famous Red Square outside the Kremlin, the Moscow River, Gorki Park with its many amusements and outdoor performances and 4 million busy people. Volgograd used to be called Stalingrad, and sits on the Volga River South-East of Moscow. It was the sight, of a battle between Germany and the U.S.S.R. which was one of the turning point in the second world war. After 90% destruction, the city is now re-built and visitors to it are constantly reminded of the Hard-fought siege which it endured. We spent 4 days swimming on the Black Sea at Sochi with its many huge hotels which the Russians throng to; 2 days in Rostov in the heart of the wheat country; 4 days in Kiev, the capitol of the Ukraine; and finally 4 days in Leningrad. Throughout, the weather was excellent, and the food satisfactory. We were well guided and constantly approached by Russians who wanted to practise their English on us. We visited kindergartens, a teachers training college, a children's summer camp and a successful State Farm (owned by the Government. But I enjoyed Leningrad most for its many historic places, the Niva River, and its world - famous Hermitage Museum. As a history teacher I appreciated the city's great historical backgrounds. This short account can hardly begin to do justice to the country but for a visit, I would recommend Russian to anyone.

Dear College Boys,

Thank - you for drawing our attention to apparent aspects of our behaviour, which was in fact absolutely news to us. We have never thought of overlooking anybody, and have never said that we are superior to you boys. Perhaps, the letter was a complete surprise.

Have you ever paused to think back whether you in fact were generous, or just being rude? How can we abuse anyone if one addresses us in an humble manner, wishing us good-morning? You said that the girls behaved arrogantly and glared at you. Well, maybe it was that you were not in line with average politeness, even if you think you were! You said that we overlook you because we think you are doomed to poverty, but these are the facts. You never bothered to ask the question, "Why are you behaving like this?" We could have answered you right then.

For a few weeks ago, a boy tried to hold one of the girl's hand. When questioned by a staff member of the college, he denied the fact. Was it not rude? Was it not that he hid the truth?

Another incident of misbehaviour shocked me. On Friday morning 8th Oct, when I was passing through the corridor, there was a group of boys waiting near the library. Near the corner when I was passing someone touched me purposely with his hand. I stopped and asked what his name was. He stood there glaring at the wall as if he hadn't done anything. Moreover, when I asked the other boys what his name was, they laughed at me but did not answer. It is really disgusting that they could not admit the truth when they were guilty.

Is this the way you behave when girls pass by you? And then you say that you keep silent to give us an air of importance when we pass by you! How dare you say that when your fellow students are discourteous, rude, ignorant and

ingenerous? We do not want you to give us an air of importance but certainly we do not expect you to misbehave by trying to hold our hands. We would not allow even an Asian boy to touch us; so there are the facts. We treat you on the same basis, regardless of colour.

If you come into the book-keeping class room, you will be amazed to see friendly attitude among all the students. How can you expect others people to build our Nation in Kenya when all the time you remind us that we are on the soil that is yours. There is no restriction that we cannot be the citizens of Kenya, is there?

Our President, Mzee Jomo Kenyatta never boasted that he would be a minister. You cannot become the minister of tomorrow if you just go on saying that you are a minister of tomorrow. You have to put your words in action and in doing that you must have a broad mind and not too sensitive to mine such small things. WHY can't you ask yourself "Am I wrong somewhere in my behaviour?" There is a proverb "Good Mind, Good Find". One always finds friendliness if one is friendly. You must give our people a good example of a good citizen by being generous with good manners, good education, broad mind and finally by being civilized.

You come to the college to study and not to comment what the girls do. Better to keep an eye on your boys as well, to know their behaviour.

Yours sincerely,

College Girls.

THREE things cannot be taught---  
generosity, poetry and a singing  
voice.

Irish proverb.



### SUPPORTING THE GIRLS!

My Dear fellow classmates,  
I am extremely happy to present a rejoinder to Mr. J.W. Makute's letter which appeared in the last issue of the New Era Magazine advising our College girls of their behaviour. I am sorry but I must oppose him.

Without rebuking Mr. J.W. Makute I should like to tell him that he was 100% wrong. By these words, I mean that even if you are a minister of the Cabinet of our country any ugly or pretty girl has the right to reject you. You won't say why do you reject me. You may be a minister, may have a car, may even get an excellent salary, may have an important position and so on but all these won't help you once you are repulsive to her. How many of our ministers have not married yet are over aged?

Another thing is that we, like the girls, are students, and that is why I don't understand why Joash should say that they should respect us. Moreover, the Principal, as suggested, has got no right to tell the College girls to speak to us or love us. It is our duty as boys to convince them, anyhow.

Mzee Jomo Kenyatta and his Colleagues said that we should forget the past and work in unity for the future. But where is this unity, if we criticize the Asian girls? As Joash said, they should respect us because they are on our land but this is great discrimination and we dismay that in New Era it is pleasant. My dear students, before I expire I should like to tell you truly, that for my self, I have been speaking to the girls since I joined this College. And sometimes I do go to the typing pool, giving them some letters to type for me, which they never have refused. Perhaps it might be that Joash does not spread a little "Gujarati" for additionally I greet them with "Kanche" and they answer me with "Nicheke" or "Saruche". This one of the Asian boys taught me. So I know they don't look down

on Africans. Mzee says "Charity begins at Home." Perhaps J.W.M. does not know even how to speak out to AFRICAN girls and that may be the trouble. I am always,  
Yours J.B.

# NEWS GRAM

EVENING  
COMINGS & GOINGS

NEW ERA  
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### MUSIC CLUB ON THE GO!

The music club at this college got off to a melodious start on Saturday 16th October, 1965, when about 25 academic students turned up for their first singing session. Miss Wood taught them how to read music and then started off the enthusiastic members on a musical morning. At this rate we soon expect a good choir and a make shift band. Come one, come all, bring your guitars and let's get going!

### NEW COLOUR POCKET BADGES

Arrived at last! The college crest in five colours printed beautifully on white cloth which can be sewed to your shirt pocket. Now it is compulsory to wear the college shirt which is cream in colour with the badge pocket. It can be obtained at Haria Cash Stores opposite Municipal Market for shs. 15/50 only.

The full college uniform consists of a cream shirt with badge, a plain maroon tie(shs. 3/-) and grey long trousers which can be made in your size for shs. 20/- only.

For those of you who want the badge pocket only, the price is shs. 5/-.

that students are informed that they should at least possess the college shirt by November 1965 before strict disciplinary action is taken.

#### PEN FRIEND

Sometime ago we got a letter from HANS GILBERG, a 19 years old Swedish youth who wants to make pen friends with a Kenyan. His interests are music, photography, postcard, custom of people, other countries, current affairs and tape recording.

He wants to know about Kenya and the new Africa.

His address is:-

Hans Gilberg

S:a Forstandsgaten.126

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SWEDEN.

#### VISIT TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM

Early in the term, arrangements had been made to take all of our morning students to the National Museum to see the many exhibits there and to visit the adjoining Snake Pit as well. On bright Friday morning, September 24, the boys gathered outside the college after first period. Accompanied by Mr. Patel and Miss Wood they walked up University way. Past the nation National Theatre, V.O.K. and the Norfolk Hotel. Nearly one hundred in number they looked a formidable army of young men.

However, on reaching the museum offices, numbers became a handicap and the 2nd Foundation people had expected less. The dilemma was solved by dividing the college into three groups -one to visit the Snake Pit, one to visit the museum, and last to remain outside on the ground. The groups would then potate.

Mr. Patel accompanied one section into the museum proper, when the boys were enthralled with the stuffed animals, tribal painting, butterfly, birds and

mineral collections, the ancient and the ancient archaeological finds on-early man.

At the Snake Pit the students were guided around by an attendant who impressed them with his easy familiarity in the handling of the arms. Each specimen was named and its habits described. All the Snakes were alive whether behind glass in the pits-and then movements were thus able to keep the boys captivated. In over an hour. Also present were other reptiles including giant turtles, lizards and crocodiles. But the hit of the day, the boys would probably agree, was either the python which squeezes its prey to death, sucks the blood crushes the bones and then swallows the remains whole or the spitting cobra (safety behind glass), which with encouragement by glass tapping would bellow its neck and position to strike. But what was most interesting to Miss Wood, were the small asps which, in offensive looking, but deadly were the kind of snakes, the life of the famed Cleopatra.

By twelve noon all the boys had visited both sections and were taken. So ended an educational and in many enlightening visit to our own national museum.

When I am

RIGHT

No one Remembers

When I am

Wrong

No one forgets.

## KENYATTA DAY

Wednesday of last week, October 20th, was celebrated all over Kenya as Kenyatta Day, the most important holiday of the year save Uhuru. For it is on this day that our President Mzee Jomo Kenyatta was arrested by the colonial authorities, in 1952. This year marked the 13th anniversary of that event and the second year the day has been set aside in remembrance of it.

Celebrations began early the night before with a wonderful dance at Charter Hall, City Hall Nairobi. It was attended by the public, Ministers, Diplomatic Corps, civil service and, of course, by the guests of honour Mr. Kenyatta and his wife Ngina Kenyatta. By a happy coincidence the President of Tanzania was passing through on his way to Ghana and so Mr. Julius Nyerere and his wife were also able to join in the festivities. Three bands played during the evening and the Lo Six singing group performed. At one point Mzee led the guests in a long line.

On the day itself the climax of the many functions arranged, came in the morning after a motorcade of cars carrying our complete cabinet, had travelled through the city.

In at 10.30 am. Mzee addressed a vast gathering of 100,000 cheering Kenyans at a public rally at Kamukunji. In his speech he spoke about his years in Britain and continents. He told the people to fight with all their means to prevent anyone from wrecking their Government. He also went on to warn against the spreading of hatred in the country especially those who claimed that the Government had done nothing since independence.

Mzee referred the aroused to his release from detention a few years ago, and said that Kenya must forget the past and look only to the future.

The President announced to the audience that first step toward was introducing free education in the country, the Government had decided to make higher Secondary Education free for Forms five and six, from the beginning of next year.

Following the Kamu rally at Kamukunji Mzee travelled to State House for lunch and to watch tribal dancing at a reception there after. Later in the day he presented the Kenyatta Cup at the pace track and in the evening presided at a football match between Tanzania and Kenya. The highlights of the evening, however, was a 45 minutes fun match between the Ministers of the Cabinet and the Diplomatic Corps. Observing report the ambassador from Finland and the Minister of Agriculture Stole the glory. The final score was 5-2 for the triumphant Corps.

The memorable day drew finally to a close as workman began removing the flags and bunting on a very successful October 20th.

By Lilly Kaluwa and the  
magazine staff.

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The Childhood shows The Man

AS

Morning Shows The Day.

(MILTON)

### TOO MUCH TALK

It is a great danger for students to miss their golden chance in school by too much with no effort, Kenya would have not achieved her independence. But it will be no talking less with much effort that every individual will enjoy the fruits of Kenya.

As our college is one of the colleges in Kenya, I think it is for ourselves to see that New Era College is above others. How can we do this? Can we do it only by talking? By running to other colleges and coming to this college? Sikiya, my friends, these are the things we have to do, if we are really to desire Our Nation building:-

- (1) The college should look clean and smart, all students should be in uniform.
- (2) We cannot be recognized as students in this town where there are vast numbers of students, not as hoodlums, as some tend to do.

It is obvious that other colleges people come from the bush to join Form I, which is nothing but to jeopardise their normal life. As far as learning is concerned, I don't think this bush-men can afford it.

I have a determination to see that New Era College should be highly approved.

By Kashem Owino Form I B  
H/Prefect of Afternoon Session.

### NEW ERA STUDENT IN U.S.A.

Nelson Ndovu, a quiet young student who came to study English from Mozambique is now at Lincoln University by 125, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. He is now preparing to become a teacher and possibly a priest. We are glad we helped him while he was in Nairobi. He invites you to write to him at the above address.