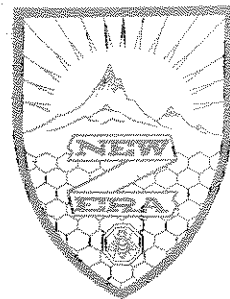


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**ERA***For 150,000 pupils all over Kenya:*

# HERE IS K.P.E.!

**WEDNESDAY**, eighth of November, nineteen hundred and sixty seven. This is the big day for Kenya's primary schools. It is the day when the Kenya Preliminary Examination will be held for about 150,000 pupils from all over the country. This is the day for which more than one million young Kenyans in about 5,000 primary schools have been preparing for.

This bumper issue of NEW ERA presents all the details about K.P.E., its history, the time table and some tips to help you pass K.P.E. — the most important examination of your life.

**Why is the K.P.E. so important?**

K.P.E. selects students for the secondary schools of Kenya. If anyone fails K.P.E., then he or she has little chance of further education in a secondary school and without education or some other kind of training one cannot progress in the modern world today.

**How did K.P.E. start?**

In 1928, about 400 pupils sat for the Preliminary School Examination, the old name of this test. About 25 per cent of these pupils passed the first ever such primary school examination.

The number of candidates for the Preliminary Examination continued to increase every year until in the early 1940s the examination was given three separate names: The Kenya European Preliminary Examination, the Kenya Asian Preliminary Examination and the Kenya African Preliminary

Examination. These examinations had separate question papers for the African, European and Asian pupils.

After Uhuru, this examination was changed again. In 1964, a common Kenya Preliminary Examination for pupils of all races was held. In early 1966, the Ministry of Education admitted that there had been a leakage in K.P.E. papers in some recent years. To avoid this, the Ministry gets the papers printed in England.

KPE entries (previous years)			
1964	1965	1966	1967
62,125	103,400	142,000	150,000
Form I admission aided schools			
1964	1965	1966	1967
8,956	11,529	12,754	14,000
(estimated)			
Form I admission unaided schools			
1964	1965	1966	1967
3,756	7,485	11,354	?

Since 1964, the number of K.P.E. pupils has almost doubled from 62,125 to more than 150,000 this year. (see table)

Less than ten per cent of

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**GOOD  
LUCK  
FOR  
K.P.E.**

Mr. Wanyoike

**T**HE Acting City Education Officer, Mr. J. Wanyoike, wished good luck to all the pupils attempting K.P.E. at the Riverbank Primary School's prize day in Nairobi last month.

He said he would like the K.P.E. pupils this year to work hard and obtain better results than last year. Praising the 1967 results of this school, he said that the pass percentage of 76 per cent showed a steady rise over the past years. Mr. Wanyoike advised the school to keep up this standard and try to improve it.

The Acting C.E.O. praised the work of the retiring headmaster of the school, Mr. J. B. Amin and said that Mr. Amin was the best choice when he was transferred to become the headmaster of this school. The pupils and parents were

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## TEACHING KENYAN ART

**I**T is very important to have Kenya's own dances, art, music and crafts taught in Kenya schools, said the Assistant Minister for Education, Mr. E. E. Khasakhala, at the opening of the tenth Young Artists Exhibition in Nairobi last month.

"I certainly wish to see more local crafts, local music and dances becoming a feature of our school life," he said.

Although the exhibition had been held for the last nine years one wondered what happened to the young artists when they grew up. At present there were very few Kenya artists.

"If there were, we would probably see their work in public places and homes," he went on, "I hope that these young artists are not going to disappear and be heard no more."

"I would wish them to grow up, improve on their skill and make sure that they will record our present history in their art work."

The Assistant Minister hoped that entries for the Young Artists Exhibition may be invited from all over East Africa in future.

After opening the exhibition, he toured and admired the paintings, drawings and craft work of Kenya's young artists.

How interested the school children are in the Pop singers of today was shown by the group picture of the Rolling Stones made by the Nairobi Primary School pupils and the Beatles made by the Heshima Road Primary School artists. More than 90 schools and 500 children took part in the Exhibition.

## RIVERBANK — from P.1

told that the new headmaster would just as able as Mr. Amin.

### HIGH RESULTS

In his speech Mr. Amin thanked teachers for working so hard to produce the high K.P.E. results. He thanked the School Committee for agreeing buy a set of Collier's Encyclopaedia worth Shs. 2,730 and a Pictorial Dictionary worth Shs. 150 to help the school library.

Mr. Amin said that the students were interested in the activities of the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, St. John Ambulance Brigade, and Kenya Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The school's athletes had done quite well at sports considering the difficulty of playing grounds.

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## A FEW DAYS BEFORE K.P.E.

1. Now you have only a short time left to prepare for K.P.E. Do not try to study for long hours or very late at night. This will spoil your health and get you a poorer result.
2. When you meet your class-fellows, talk about your studies with them. Ask and answer questions which can help you.
3. Look after your health. If you have any trouble, go to the doctor at once. See that you do not fall ill just before or on the examination day.
4. Learn your Index number.

## THE DAY BEFORE K.P.E.

1. Your pens, pencils, rulers, rubbers, etc., must be ready and packed.
2. You should make sure that

you know your index number.

3. Instead of trying to learn new things, revise your notes quickly.
4. If you have any difficulties, get them solved by your teachers or elders.
5. Go over the diagrams, maps and charts in your notebooks.
6. Learn your multiplication tables, weights and measures.
7. Go to bed early.

## ON K.P.E. DAY

1. Get up early.
2. Get ready and eat a good breakfast.
3. Collect all your writing materials.
4. Arrive at your K.P.E. Centre at least half an hour before the paper begins.
5. Talk about your studies with your friends and discuss any-

thing which you are weak in.

## IN THE EXAMINATION ROOM

1. Do not become afraid. You must do your best without worrying about the result.
2. Write your full Index No. in the box at the top of the examination paper.
3. Write your name on the next line.
4. Write the name of your school on the line under that.
5. Do not spend too much time on any question you cannot answer quickly. First answer as many questions as you can. Then return to the questions you have missed out.
6. Answer all the questions.
7. Do not write anything in pencil on your answer paper.

**Good Luck!**

## In memory of greatness



*"Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."*

**John Fitzgerald Kennedy**

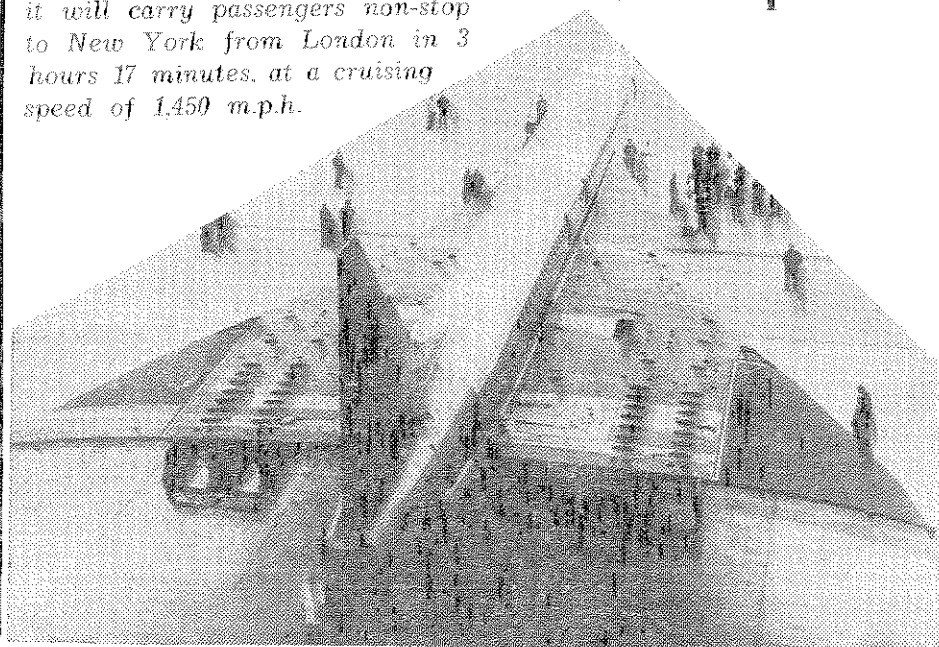
Born May 29, 1917 in Brookline Massachusetts, U.S.A.  
Died November, 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas, U.S.A. 35th President of the U.S.A.

Technicians cluster round the giant Concord supersonic airliner, under construction in England as it is towed from its hangar — before positioned in the building recently for fitting its engines.

When the 140-seater Concord takes to the air—its first flight is due to take place early in 1968 — it will carry passengers non-stop to New York from London in 3 hours 17 minutes, at a cruising speed of 1,450 m.p.h.

## THE GIANT CONCORD SPEED?

**1,455 m.p.h.**



# THE K.P.E. PAGE

(Continued from Page 1) these pupils can get admission in aided (Government) secondary schools as shown by the table. About another eight per cent of these pupils could get admission in unaided (Harambee and private) schools.

This year 48.5 per cent pupils passed the K.P.E. and the results were declared three weeks earlier than previous years. The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education said that there had been no leakage of the question papers.

## INDEX NUMBERS:

This year the K.P.E. Index Numbers are eight digits long. The first two digits stand for the town you live in. The next three stand for the school you attend and the last three stand for your serial number sent to the Ministry of Education by your headmaster. Here is an example to make this clear — 41 — 066 — 021.

The digits 41 stand for Nairobi, the next three digits, 066 stand for the school and the last three digits, 021, stand for the name of the boy or the girl attempting the K.P.E.

## THE QUESTION PAPERS:

The 1967 K.P.E. question papers are almost on the same lines as last year. There are three papers: English, Mathematics and General Paper. The only important change this year has been that no extra time is given for the reading of the question papers as this has been added to the total time for answering a question paper.

All the three papers carry an equal number of maximum marks, and have multiple-choice type of questions. This means that every question will have more than one answer printed

## TIME TABLE

Wednesday, 8 November, 1967

9 a.m. to 10.25 a.m. Mathematics — 1 hour 25 minutes.

11.15 a.m. to 12.45 a.m. English — 1 hour 30 minutes.

2.30 p.m. to 3.50 p.m. General Paper — 1 hour 20 minutes.

for it in a box. You have to tick in one of these boxes to show the correct answer. Each examination paper will have the questions starting on the second page.

The first page will have space for your index number and special instructions which you should read carefully.

## YOUR ANSWERS:

You will have to enter your answers on the printed examination papers in ink only. A pen, or a ballpoint pen is allowed but you should not use a pencil. Except for the Guided Composition in English, all answers will have to be done by putting a tick in one of the four boxes on the right hand side of the question. You should not use letters to show your choice and no words are to be written.

If you change your mind where the tick should go and wish to put a tick in a different box; then the box showing the first wrong tick must be blocked out. An examiner seeing a tick and a blocked box in the same group of boxes will give you marks for the box with the tick if it is correct.

## THE ENGLISH PAPER:

The English Paper will have 12 questions as follows:

- Questions 1 to 9 will have 50 items testing grammar and the correct use of English.
- Questions 10 and 11 will test comprehension based on two

passages. The passages will be about the same length as last year and will each have five questions. You will show your choice by marking a tick in a box in these questions from one to eleven.

- Question 12 will be on Guided composition which will require 15 sentences to be written.

## MATHEMATICS PAPER:

The mathematics paper will have 40 questions and all these questions will carry equal marks. There will be no different sections for mental sums and problems. Four possible answers will be given for each question. You will have to work out the question and tick off the correct answer in one of the boxes. There is no question which will ask you to draw a geometrical construction.

## GENERAL PAPER:

All primary schools are following the same syllabus and so this paper will have no alternative questions. The general paper will contain 100 questions divided into the following five sections:

1. Questions 1 to 20 — 19 and 20 Century History of East Africa and civics.
2. Questions 21 to 40 — Geography of Kenya, East Africa and Africa, and the Old Lands.
3. Questions 41 to 50 — General Science, everyday physics and chemistry, health science.
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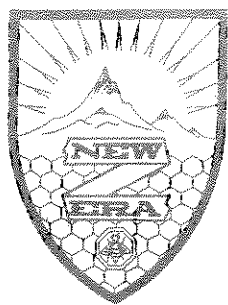
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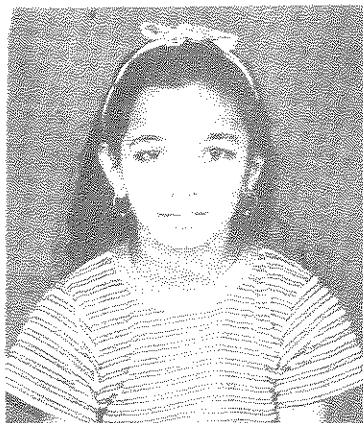
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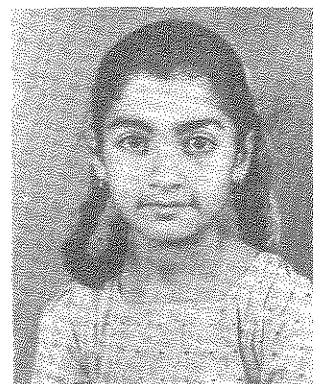
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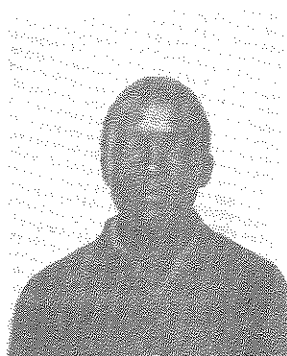
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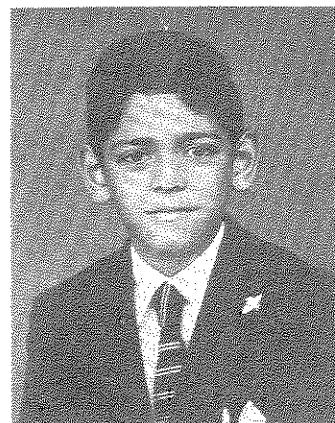
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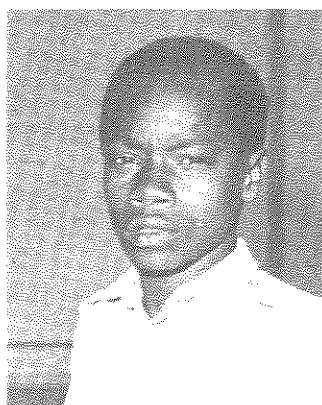
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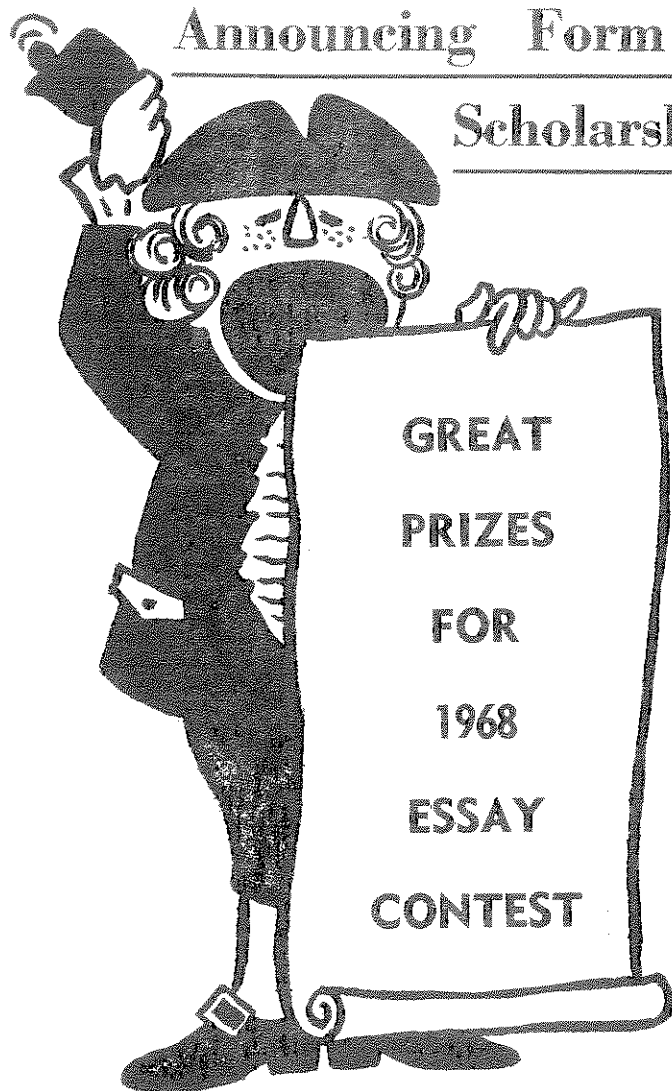
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Both sports and studies are combine in this essay. It also underlines the importance of the new year 1968 which is an Olympic year when Kenya expects a great show from her sportsmen and athletes.

Here is your chance to show your interest in sports and knowledge of English to win one of these V .P. Sharma Memorial Scholarships. Here is the complete list of these Form One scholarships started in memory of the Founder Principal of New Era College and the Founder-Publisher of NEW ERA Magazine.

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**Third prize:** One term's scholarships at New Era College.

**Fourth prize:** Registration fees for entry into Form One at New Era College.

Every entrant will get a free copy of New Era No. 16 containing the results of this contest.

#### WHO CAN ENTER THIS CONTEST?

1. The competition is open to boys only.
2. The entrants must be pupils who are attempting K.P.E. this year from a school recognised by the Ministry of Education.
3. All boys who have sat for K.P.E. but not taken part in this competition.

#### WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO?

1. Write an essay in English on: "Watching Kenya Sportsmen at Olympic Games."
2. The essay must not be more than 300 words.
3. It should be written in good handwriting on one side of the paper only.
4. Write your full name and address with your K.P.E. index number on the top right hand corner of your entry.

#### OTHER RULES:

1. The essay should be the unaided work of the pupil.
2. The judges' decision shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into under any circumstances.
3. Envelopes containing the entries must be clearly marked "SCHOLARSHIPS" and addressed to: The Principal, New Era College, P.O. Box 6854, Nairobi.

#### CLOSING DATE FOR THE CONTEST

31, December, 1967.

## ENTER NOW!

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# NEW ERA COLLEGE

*To all who enter its classrooms, New Era College is proud to offer an education that is truly 'an education for living'. For a well rounded education the students must take part in many other activities in addition to classroom learning. At New Era College, there are different clubs to help the students achieve this. These clubs are: Current Affairs Club, United Nations Club, Sports and Outings Club. The College has two sections — the academic section preparing the students for Kenya Junior Secondary Examination and the business education section preparing students for overseas examinations in typewriting, book-keeping, accountancy, shorthand and salesmanship.*

## THE COURSES

## THE CAREERS

After the students have successfully completed their Kenya Junior Secondary Examination, they can progress further in different ways. They can go on to study for the Senior Cambridge Examination, or they can apply to be trained as a teacher in any one of the Kenya Government teacher training colleges. Other students can join the Kenya Army, Navy or Air Force if they can pass the medical examinations as well. The College also prepares students to enter the business world as typists, stenographers, salesmen and accounts with recognised diplomas.

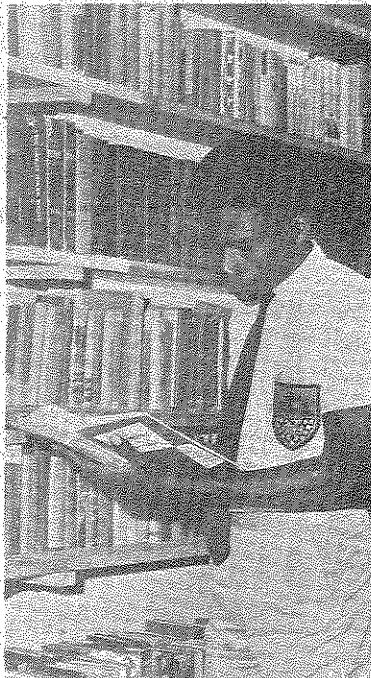
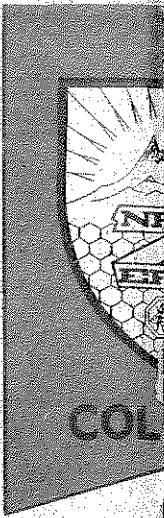
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## THE CREST





# Education at



● New Era College student in uniform consults reference books in the Kennedy Memorial Library which contains 5,000 books on secondary school subjects, business education in addition to many sets of encyclopaedias and other reference books.

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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Mr. Sharma:

Mr. Jeremiah F. Enright has brought to my attention the dedication of the John F. Kennedy Library at the New Era College in Kenya.

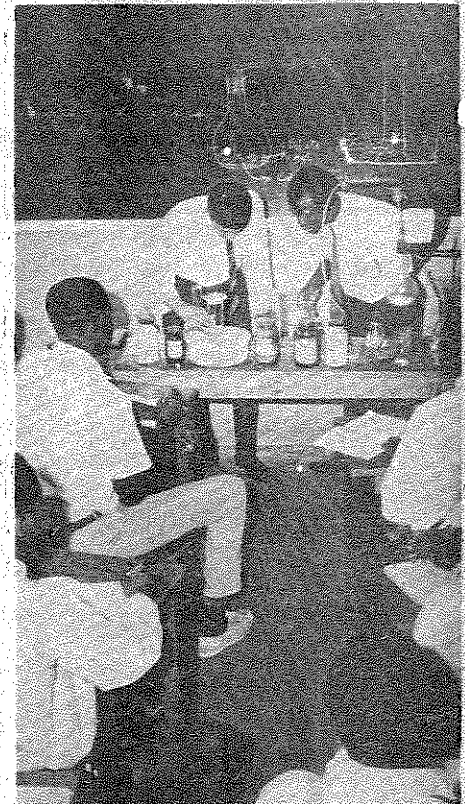
Our family is deeply appreciative of your very generous remembrance of President Kennedy — he would have been so proud to be so honoured.

Enclosed are two books as a small token of my appreciation. Perhaps you might to include them in the library for the students. With my best wishes and gratitude for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy

● Soon after the opening of the Kennedy Memorial Library, at New Era College the Principal received this letter from Senator Robert F. Kennedy, the younger brother of late S. President John F. Kennedy.

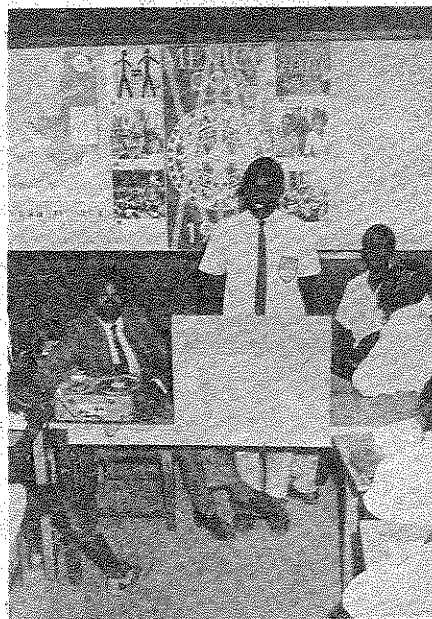


● The serious work of learning progress in the classroom as students are shown science experiment during their studies. Teachers are prepared with their lessons in advance and there is special time reserved to solve the difficulties of an individual student.

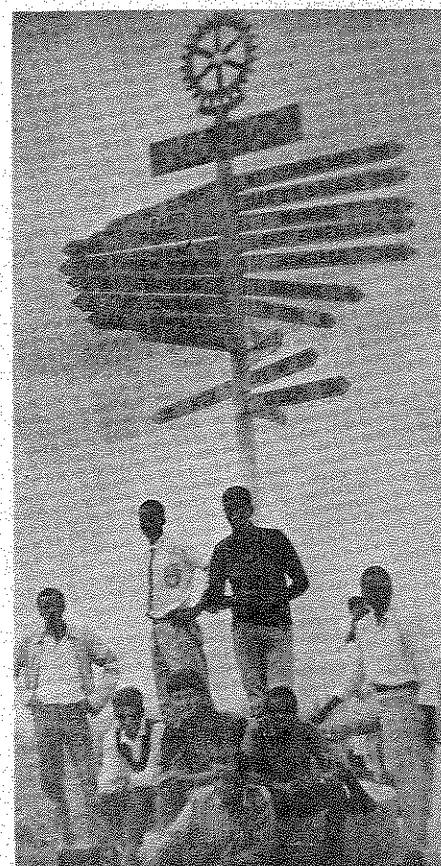
# is something more!



● The President of the American Newspaper Association, Mr. Gordon B. Seavey addresses New Era College students during a meeting of the Current Affairs Club. The Gallery of Greats programme at the College where portraits of eminent people are displayed to inspire the students was launched by Mr. J. C. N. Osogo, the Minister for Information by presenting a portrait of Kenya's President Mzee Jomo Kenyatta.



● A students' debate in progress under the supervision of a staff member. The student's speeches are recorded on a tape recorder and later on replayed to improve the pronunciation. Every month students are given colour magazines, newsletters and bulletins from almost all parts of the world free of charge to enable them to know what is happening in the world today.



● On top of the world? Not quite, just on top of the Menengai Crater near Nakuru where the students and a teacher of New Era College are pictured on their week-end outing. Last year, the teachers organised similar outings to Thika, Machakos and Naivasha. Visits to various places of educational interest like the E.A. Oxygen Factory, Nairobi Fire Brigade, Animal Orphanage and National Museum were also organised.

**OUR PAST RECORD**

1962

New Era College established, approved by Nairobi City Council and registered by the Ministry of Education.

1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ March: 'TAIFA KENYA' carried a two-page article with photographs about the College. Mrs. D. Hughes talked to New Era U.N. Club on Freedom From Hunger Campaign.</li> <li>★ May: BARAZA printed a full page article about the college.</li> <li>★ June: DAILY NATION and TAIFA LEO published photographs of the prize giving of the Space Essay Contest.</li> <li>★ September: New Era Ball at Patel Club where Form One Scholarships Essay Competition was announced.</li> <li>★ October: U.N. Day celebrated.</li> <li>★ December: College float took part in Youth Rally on Uhuru Day.</li> <li>★ New Era magazine's Uhuru Number published.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ March: University College invited New Era College to participate in Rag Day Procession.</li> <li>★ August, September &amp; October: Mr. Kul Bhushan, the Vice-Principal flew to London to represent the College at the International Youth Science Fortnight, Henry George International Conference at New York and U.N. Model Youth Assembly in Toronto.</li> <li>★ Tokyo Olympic Games medal, an Olympic flag and all official Olympic Games Bulletins were received from Japan.</li> <li>★ November: College affiliated to Henry George School of Social Science chartered by the University of the State of New York, U.S.A.</li> <li>★ December: Jamhuri Day celebrated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ March: College activities televised on VOK-TV.</li> <li>★ March: Kennedy Memorial Library opened at New Era College.</li> <li>★ April: Miss V. G. Peterson, Secretary, Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, New York, visited the College.</li> <li>★ May: Mr. Terry M. Glavin, Secretary, Canadian University Service Overseas, Ottawa, visited the College.</li> <li>★ Hon. J. C. N. Osogo displayed a portrait of President Mzee Jomo Kenyatta in the Gallery of Greats.</li> <li>★ October: Mon. Alan Gile, Unesco Chief of Mission in Kenya, talked to students on U.N. Day. Kenyatta Day celebrated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ March: Mr. Prem Bhatia, High Commissioner for India displayed a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi in the Gallery of Greats</li> <li>★ Sir Kennedy Bradley, Director, Commonwealth Institute, London, talked to students on the Commonwealth.</li> <li>★ August: College staff and students mourned the unexpected death of the Founder Principal, Mr. V. P. Sharma.</li> <li>★ September: "Africa is One" lecture series started. Journalists and broadcasters from five African countries.</li> <li>★ October: Kenyatta Day and U.N. Day celebrated.</li> <li>★ November: Form One Scholarships worth Shs. 1,020/- granted for an essay contest.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ January: Freddie Mwila, a Zambian International footballer and College student left for U.S.A.</li> <li>★ February: Mr. G. B. Seavey, President, American Newspaper Association, visited the College and addressed the students.</li> <li>★ May: Bulletins and badges for 1967 Universiade received from Tokyo.</li> <li>★ June: Students visited VOK-TV studios to see TV programmes.</li> <li>★ July: A leading cartoonist from Philippines, Mr. D. N. Agnila gave an illustrated talk.</li> <li>★ September: A painting by H. Owiti, a student, shown in International Art Exhibition in U.S.A.</li> <li>★ October: U.N. Day and Kenyatta Day celebrated.</li> <li>★ November: V. P. Sharma Memorial Scholarships worth Shs. 1,400/- announced.</li> </ul>

**UNIFORM  
& TERMS  
FOR 1968**

The College uniform is a cream shirt with the College crest in full colour, a maroon necktie and grey, long-trousers. The crest is supplied at Shs. 5/- and the remaining items cost about Shs. 40/-. Study terms for 1968: First term: Tuesday, 2 January, to Friday, 5 April. Second term: Monday, 29 April to Friday, 26 July, Third term: Monday, 2 September to Friday, 6 December. All fees are payable in advance by the fifth of every month. No fees can be refunded or transferred under any circumstances.

Only a limited number of pupils are admitted to New Era College every year. If you would like to enrol as student for Form I or Form II, do not wait but register yourself with the College at once. The Registration Fees is Shs. 20/- payable once only on admission. After being registered as a student you will get a printed Student's Registration Card certifying that you are a bona fide student of the College to benefit from bus concessions and railway warrants.

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#### Full results

#### Elocution:

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Seniors: 1. Suresh A. (Lake Primary); 2. Sunil Sood (St. Xavier's); 3. Praveen A. (Lake Primary).

## THE WINNERS FOR ART CONTEST

**FIRST:** Deepak Handa, P.O. Box 10024, Nairobi (pen set).

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**THIRD:** Jyoti R. Patel, P.O. Box 34, Nairobi (Vanity Case).

**FOURTH:** Waweru Koinna, Dr. Aggrey Primary School (school bag).

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Q. Three triangle have sides 3" x 4" x 5", by 5" x 5" x 5" by 6" x 8" x 10", which of these is a right-angled one?  
(Reuben Mulatya — Khalsa B. & G. P.S.)

☐ Two these triangles 3" x 4" x 5" and 6" x 8" x 10" are right angled.

Q. Is it true that there was an invisible man?  
(Margaret Simon — Fort Hall P.S.)

☐ No.

Q. Is there any type of life on the planet Mars?  
(Damyanti M. Patel — C.G.H.U. P.S.)

☐ The scientists think so but cannot prove it beyond doubt.

Q. Who discovered this word "world" and why did this name become so popular in the world?  
(Eastleigh P.S.)

☐ The word comes from old English — weoruld. Wer means man and eld means the age of man, the thing as old as man himself.

Q. How can we find happiness and satisfaction?  
(Anita R. — City P.S.)

☐ This is a state of mind. If you think you are happy and satisfied, you will be. To think in this way, you should do your duty, work hard and follow the advice of your elders.

#### THE BEST QUESTION

Q. The man is compared with a motor-car engine but when an engine gets worn out, it can be repaired again but when a man get worn out, he is bound to die, why can't he be repaired like a motor-car engine?  
(Kusum B. P. — Racecourse P.S.)

☐ Doctors can help a man to live by repairing his body but the final decision rests with God.

Q. Which is the tallest skyscraper in the world?  
(Harish C. Patel — Xaverian P.S.)

☐ Empire state Building in New York — 1,250' high.

Q. Why are Olympic Games held?  
(Smita Vyas — Parklands P.S.)

☐ The Greeks held athletics to show their fitness. Today the athletes from all over the world meet in friendly competition.

Q. How does a sailor know his way in the middle of the ocean?  
(Dalmas Were — St. Peter Claver's P.S.)

☐ By a sextant, compass and sea maps.

Q. Who was the first person to cross Africa from East to West?  
(Muthoni Murigu — Pumwani P.S.)

☐ David Livingstone.

Q. Which is the largest city in the world and hwat is its population?  
(Ismail Hassan — Pumwani P.S.)

☐ Tokyo, Japan, with 14 million people.

Q. Is there heaven and hell in the world?  
(Derrick D. — Fort Hall P.S.)

☐ Yes, when you are happy you are in heaven and when in agnoy you are in hell.

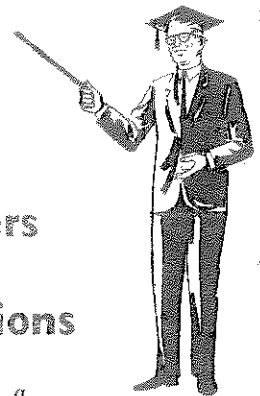
Q. What do we mean by compressed air? Who invented the compressed air tyres for wheel?  
(Michael Paul Karanja — A.C. Riruta Full P.S.)

☐ Compressed air is fair restricted in volume or compressed by means of a piston.

Q. a) If a human being is to die of old age, but not through accident or a disease, for how many years must he or she have stayed?

b) Is there any-body who has lived for so long?

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c) If there is, in which country? And what was his name?

(Benson Karugu — Pumwani P.S.)

☐ a) About 80 years, says the Bible.

b) Many.

c) The men of a tribe in Russia usually live over a hundred years.

Q. Which is stronger, a leopard or a cheetah?

(Fredrick Oggolla — Khalsa P.S.)

☐ Leopard is stronger while a cheetah is the fastest animal on land running at 80 m.p.h.

Q. What is the distance from north to south pole?

(Leonard Mburu — Chelata F.P.S.)

☐ About 10,000 miles.

Q. Why doesn't the Government give back the K.P.E. papers to pupils after they do it?

(John Muchoki — Dr. Livingstone P.S.)

☐ Pupils will argue about the marks they have obtained and the results will be delayed.

Q. What good do men do to insects?

(Rafik Sheraly — H.H. The Aga Khan P.S.)

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showed that collection of Olympic games can also be made a family matter. With his long, strides he ran away with three medals in 5,000, 10,000 metres and the Marathon. "He runs like a man who has been stabbed in the heart," said a spottswriter. Looking at his tired face, people thought that Zatopek would fall down with his next step but he felt no pain and collected the gold medails.

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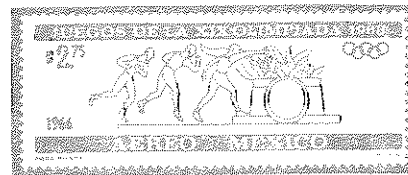
The first gold medal won at this meeting came to Africa when Mohammed Gammoudi of Tunisia won the 10,000 metres race. He won another gold medal for 5,000 metres.

### BROKE RECORD

Mohamed Nassiri of Iran broke the first world record in the weightlifting contest. Waldemar Basanowski of Poland smashed three world weightlifting records.

Track and field gold medals were won by the USA, Poland, Russia, Romania and Greece while Italy topped in sprints and middle distance runners.

Cuba and Poland earned double gold medals in 400 metres men's relay. Russia, Poland and Holland and Italy won their double gold medals in athletics and rowing. Thus five countries shared double gold medals at these games.



NEW ERA received three Pre-Olympic stamps on the envelopes that are sent from Mexico City. These stamps have been designed by a Mexican artist, Diego Rivera. The first line drawing on the top right shows athletes jumping over hurdles during a race. The second shown above shows the lighting of the Olympic Torch before the beginning of the Games. It will first be lit in Olympia, Greece, where the ancient games were held. From Olympia Greek runners will carry it to Athens and Piraeus where it will be taken on board a Greek warship to Genoa, Italy. At Genoa it will be shown during a ceremony honouring Christopher Columbus and then placed on an Italian warship to Barcelona, Spain.

### WARSHIP

The torch will be carried through Spain passing Madrid to Palos. From Palos where Columbus set sail for America, the torch will travel on a Spanish ship to San Salvador in the Bahamas, which was the first land seen by Columbus in 1492. At San Salvador, a Mexican warship will bring it to Vera Cruz and Mexican athletes will carry it into the Olympic Stadium at Mexico City.

The runner who brings it into the stadium will first go round the track before lighting the torch. This flame must not go out until the close of the Games.

## Fairy tales? NO! Reality? YES.

THE short history of the modern Olympics is rich in heroes and drama. At times, stories, sound like fairy tales rather than true happenings. Once there was a sick boy, thin and weak and he suffered from anemia. But he listened to his parents, ate the right foods and got plenty of sleep. Surprisingly, he grew tall and strong, and at the age of seventeen became the best athlete of the world.

Fairy tale? No, merely the story of Bob Mathias, of USA Decathlon champion of 1948 and 1952 Games.

Jesse Owens, an American Negro, who collected more gold medals than any other athlete in an Olympic Games

is another example. In 1936 Games, he won four gold medals setting a new record for his time.

But another great athlete was soon to beat him. This time it was Naavo Nurumi — the Phantom Finn. Nurumi ran in ten Olympic races — at the 1920, 1924, and 1928 Olympic Games — finishing first seven times and second three times. Between 1920 and 1930 he set world records of one mile, two miles, three miles, 1,500 metres, 2,000 metres, 3,000 metres, 5,000 metres, 10,000 metres and 20,000 metres.

At 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki an army officer from Czechoslovakia, Emil Zatopek,

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