

NORTHERN RHODESIA RALLIES ROUND

WAR MEASURES IN FULL STRIDE.

The first battalion of the Northern Rhodesia Regiment is up to war establishment, and an additional battalion and auxiliary units, a Defence Force and a Force of Special Constables are at full strength.

So the Governor of Northern Rhodesia, Sir John Maybin, is able to report after a survey of war measures taken in the territory. The mood of the people -- European, Indian and African communities -- was from the first determined and fervently loyal, and volunteering has been so heavy that there is a waiting list for several units. Intensive training of personnel is now in progress.

Men in key industries have been kept at their posts. Farmers want to fight, but it has been pointed out to them that agricultural production must be maintained, and so must the exports of those Northern Rhodesian metals which are vital to the Allies. The output of copper has been virtually taken over by His Majesty's Government and the producing company are supplying the copper at less than the current world price.

Regulations, administered by Central and Provincial Advisory Councils, have been passed to prevent profiteering and hoarding, but the territory's food supplies are very favourable, and so far it has not been necessary to put any restrictions on petrol.

The women of Northern Rhodesia are not behind the men in enthusiasm, and are ready to take up any kind of work to help forward the war.

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