

MESSAGE TO BRITISH COMMUNITY

The British Community in Ethiopia has been under much strain during these past weeks. We were shocked by the car accident near Maichew in Tigre on 4th April in which Frances Cram was killed and which led to the subsequent death on 11th April of Christopher Swabey. We have been distressed by the critical illness of Captain Willie Simpson. And now we have been overwhelmed and appalled by the tragedy at Bole Airport on 18th April. There must be few members of the Community who did not know one or other of the passengers on the East African Airways VC-10. We can thank God that by a miracle so many were saved. And are inspired by the heroism of those British passengers on the aircraft who assisted in the rescue of other passengers, in the case of Mr. Bernard Panton at the sacrifice of his own life. From our own community Fergus Flynn deserves special mention. The loss of life has been cruel. We have had constantly in our thoughts and prayers those here who have lost loved ones - Mr. and Mrs. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Ware-Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Milne and Mr. Christopher Hudson.

I hope that you will have appreciated that in the circumstances my wife and I could not have gone ahead with the celebration of the Queen's Birthday party. The Embassy and so many of the Community were too deeply involved in the tragedy. I am sorry nevertheless that I have not had the opportunity this year of entertaining you on this traditional occasion.

I would like finally to say how much I appreciated the splendid response on the part of the Community during the period of crisis. Those of you with medical skills have given outstanding service in reinforcing the medical staff of the Empress Zauditu Hospital and in caring for the injured and shocked. Others were among the first to answer the appeal for blood. Others among you helped with clothing and food and comfort for the survivors - so many of them not previously known to us - who were gathered at the Ethiopia Hotel or in private houses. All this has been of untold assistance and comfort to the victims of the disaster. It has also greatly eased the work of the Embassy. I am most grateful to all of you who contributed in any way to the relief of suffering.

ALAN CAMPBELL

EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS CRASH 18.4.71

BRITISH SURVIVORS

- Mrs. Lee Pavalko
2. Mrs. Jacqueline Hazlehurst.
3. Mr. Michael M. Palmer
4. Miss Diana Clark
5. Mr. Alun C. Bull
6. Mr. Johathan Moreshead
7. Mr. A.J.D. Hutchins,
(Left Hilton Hotel)
8. Mr. Mohamed A. Khan
9. Mr. Douglas Cameron
10. Mrs. Ida Cook
11. Miss June Norona,
(Wife of Mr. J. Johnson)
12. Mrs. Carole Parany
13. Miss Marika Parany
14. Miss Helen Murray
15. Mrs. Pantan,
16. Miss Veena Rajdev
17. Miss Deborah Dorman
18. Mr. Fergus O.A. Flynn
19. Mr. Brian D. Hackman
20. Mr. A.T. Brough
21. Mr. John Hosken
22. Mrs. Iffat Amin
23. B. Amon (infant)
24. Mr. Bharat N. Ghelani

BRITISH CREW MEMBERS WHO ARE DEAD

1. Captain John Patrick Vale
(Body identified and flown to Nairobi)
2. Mr. Francis Macnabb,
(Navigator)
3. Mr. Ronald Peter Heynes
Botto, First Officer.
4. Mr. Brian Anthony
Twist, Flight Engineer

BRITISH PASSENGERS WHO DIED

1. Miss Ellen Kisalek
2. Mr. B.M. Pantan
3. Mr. Timothy C. Wilke
4. Mr. Kenneth J. Townsend
5. Mr. Christopher J. Townsend
6. Miss Jane Ware-Austin
7. Mr. David Bastin
8. Mr. Leslie House
9. Mrs. Barbara Ann
10. Miss Julia Lucinda Shuldham
11. Miss Veronica Clare Shuldham
12. Miss Eleanor Jane Bailey
13. Miss Elspeth Bailey
14. Tejani Aziz
15. Miss Wanda McCallum
16. Mrs. Dhanvant Kaur
17. Miss Caroline Ware-Austin
18. Miss Elspeth Milne
19. Mr. Shantilal Raithatha
20. Mrs. Manjula Raithatha
21. Mr. Erno Parany

Your committee also wishes to express its gratitude to all members of the community for the splendid response that was made to assist all concerned as they endeavoured to bring help and comfort to those suffering and those mourning as a result of the air crash on 18th April 1972 at Bole Airport.