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Transfer of Government Property.

STAREHE BOYS' CENTRE, NAIROBI.

At the Government Housing Estate at Starehe, Nairobi, a part of the land has been utilised in recent years as a centre for youths in an effort to combat the urban juvenile problem. The area of approximately 24 acres, which is bounded on one side by Kinyanjui Street, contains two buildings owned by the Government - a small house and a social hall which was originally erected as an amenity for the occupants of the estate.

- 2. When the youth centre was first established, the Government agreed, after consultation with the occupants, to the conversion of the social hall to classrooms and to the lease of the house for the youth centre instructors. Stores and workshops adjacent to the Government buildings were erected in 1959 with funds from various trusts, commercial concerns and charitable organisations. In 1961 a Dormitory Block was erected on the land on the other side of Meru Road, and further funds from the sources mentioned above are now forthcoming for more accommodation and workshops, subject to the land in question being granted to the Kenya Association of Youth Centres, who administer the Centre. These additional buildings were only taken over by Government for maintenance purposes.
- 3. The Government strongly supports the development of youth centres of this type and has agreed to the grant of the land in order to encourage the erection of further buildings. It is, therefore, desirable at the same time to transfer to the Kenya Association of Youth Centres the buildings originally erected and owned by the Government. These are valued today as follows:-

 Starehe Social Hall No. Adm. 22/2
 £2,500

 House No. AF/508
 £750

 Total
 £3,250

The other buildings not erected or owned by the Government but which were taken over by the Government for maintenance purposes only, will also revert to the Kenya Association of Youth Centres.