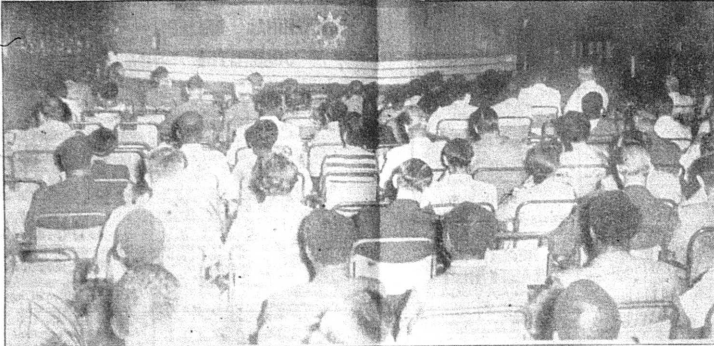


AT THE SHOW—

'FREEDOM FOR GHANA'

800 SEE BIRTH OF NATION



GHANA'S public figures, led by the retiring Governor-General, Sir Charles Arden-Clarke, who attended the world premiere of "Freedom for Ghana," the official film for Ghana's independence celebrations at the Rex Cinema, Accra.

Altogether, 800 guests were invited to see the 35-minute film, all in dazzling colour, which was shot by the Ghana Film Unit and edited in London by an African member of the unit's staff in collaboration with the producer.

They included Cabinet Ministers, civil leaders, government officials and diplomatic representatives who were accompanied by their wives in evening dress or wearing traditional costume. The Prime Minister, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, was unable to attend.

What guests saw

All the guests saw the exciting moments of the celebrations which marked Ghana's birth brought back with vivid colour and detail as the camera roved from scene to scene—from shots of crowds of Ghanaians to the Durbach of Kent, from the Prime Minister to the giant new nation.

The climax was Dr. Nkrumah's midnight statement that Ghana was free for ever at the Polo Ground on March 5.

The commentary was graphically given in crisp words written by Basil Davison, staff reporter of a London newspaper who covered the celebrations last March.

Film will be shown in Britain on May 23

ON May 23 "Freedom for Ghana" will have its first public showing overseas at the national film theatre in London. This will be preceded by a private showing at the Royal Empire Society in London on May 16, says the Ghana News Agency.

A distinguished audience, which will be received by the acting High Commissioner for Ghana, Mr. T. Hutton-Mills, at the first public show will include representatives of the 56 nations that were represented at the independence celebrations in Ghana.

Invitations

Mr. R. A. Butler, Home Secretary and Lord Privy Seal, who represented the British Government in Accra, has been invited to the performance and is expected to attend if his parliamentary duties permit.

Many of the correspondents and cameramen who covered the Accra celebrations will also be in the audience with leading film critics and distributors.

The film will later be available for showing on general release in Britain and it is planned to submit it for the Berlin Film Festival next month and the Edinburgh Film Festival in August.

ABOVE—A general view of the guests watching the world premiere of "Freedom for Ghana" at the Rex Cinema, Accra.

LEFT—The Governor-General, Sir Charles Arden-Clarke, leaving the Rex Cinema after the show. On his left walks Mr. Ako Adjei, Minister of the Interior and on the right, Mr. C. T. Nylander, Ministerial Secretary to the Ministry of Interior.

BELOW—Mr. Kojo Botsio, Minister of Trade and Labour (in kente) being shown into the cinema house by Mr. Kojo Newman, Executive Secretary of the Ghana Information Services Department. Behind the Minister is Mr. Gerald Plonae.

