

# GHANA FILM CORP. SAYS OUR FILM CORRESPONDENT

AFTER an unlucky postponement due to the rain a somewhat depleted audience were shown on Wednesday evening the official film of the Independence Celebrations.

This thirty-five-minute colour picture called "Freedom for Ghana" was made the day of the fall but no individual credit titles were given on the screen.

If this was intentional it seems rather hard to deprive all those who worked on this prestige production of the recognition which is undoubtedly due to them.

We knew from press releases that the commentary was written by Basil Davidson the well-known British novelist and

writer on African political affairs who flew to Ghana for the celebrations.

Throughout the Independence Celebrations a team of cameramen and sound engineers were carefully recording all the events as they were taking place and the material thus obtained cut, edited and fitted into a commentary in the resulting "Freedom for Ghana".

We can say here and now that the film is an impressive record of those ten hectic and memorable days

From the arrival of H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent we see all the main events that took place, but the film is so full of material that after the ceremonies of welcome and other formal occasions, built-up steadily in the course of the Prime Minister's dramatic midnight announcement on the old Polo ground.

The stately proceedings in and around Parliament House the following day keep up the feeling of tension until with evening and music come relaxation with relief that all has gone well, these were expressed in the various scenes of dancing and jubilation.

## VACANCY FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF RURAL WATER DEVELOPMENT

It is hereby notified for general information that a vacancy exists for an Executive Secretary in the Department of Rural Water Development and applications are invited. The post is pensionable, the basic salary scale being £1,190 to £450—£1,190. The conditions of service are generally as laid down in Sectional Part No. IV of 1951, as amended or varied by Sectional Part No. III of 1952 and subsequent directives.

### 2. Duties—

Executive responsibility for the general administration of the Department with special reference to all establishment and personnel matters including:

- recruitment and training methods;
- staff control and supervision in its aspects involving employees' negotiating machinery and Trade Union procedures generally;
- supervision of the preparation and maintenance of personnel statistics and records;
- the introduction and improvement of office organisations and methods;
- supervision of departmental administration and conditions of service.

The Executive Secretary, while finally answerable to the Director in all these matters, will be required to assume full responsibility for all matters except those involving the personal decision of the Director which he must normally refer to the Director at meetings concerned with these matters.

### 3. Qualifications—

#### 1. Candidates in Government Service—

- must be confirmed officers holding posts with a salary not lower than that of a minimum of 8 years experience in a responsible post dealing mainly with the training or organisation and management of staff or with the problems of labour relations;
- must possess a sound working knowledge of the law relating to staff matters, General Orders, Public Service Commission Regulations and all other relevant regulations and practices involving employees to be conversant with employees' negotiating machinery including, preferably, Whitley Councils;
- must have the personality and ability to deal with all establishment and personnel problems including those concerning senior officers without recourse to higher authority;
- should preferably be Members of the Institute of Personnel Management.

#### 2. Candidates outside Government Service—

- must possess the minimum educational qualification of the Cambridge School Certificate or its equivalent;
- must have had a minimum of 8 years experience in a responsible post dealing mainly with the training or organisation and management of staff or with the problems of labour relations;
- must possess a sound working knowledge of Ghana labour legislation and practices involving employees' negotiating machinery;
- must have the personality and ability to deal with all establishment and personnel problems including those concerning senior officers without recourse to higher authority;
- should preferably be Members of the Institute of Personnel Management.

4. Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 1014, Accra. Applicants in Government Service should forward their applications through the Heads of their Departments. Applicants may forward copies of any testimonials or certificates which they wish to submit in support of their application; such copies will not be returned. Candidates may, however, be requested to produce at a later date the originals of such testimonials, certificates, etc. Original documents should not be sent unless requested; no responsibility is accepted for the return of original documents. Applications from candidates who are under any form of bond to serve in any other capacity will not be considered. Any offer of appointment subsequently made to a candidate who has not previously been so notified is null and void. Candidates will be regarded as void. Completed application forms should reach the Secretary, Public Service Commission, not later than the 15th June, 1957.

## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

### VACANCIES FOR INSTITUTE/SCHOOL SECRETARIES GRADE II TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR TRADE SCHOOL.

It is notified for public information that vacancies exist for Secretaries to the Principals of the Technical Institutes at Accra, Takoradi, Kumasi, Tarkwa and to the Headmasters of the Government Trade Schools at Tamale, Mampong (Ashanti) and Kpandu, and applications are invited. The posts are special ones and do not form part of the general executive class of the Civil Service.

2. The salary scale attached to the posts, which are pensionable, is £220 to £15 £370. Promotion to Grade II salary scale—£245 to £435—£420 will be carried out in conformity with the practices of the Service. Candidates selected for appointment may receive an incremental allowance and may enter the scale at a point higher than the initial, according to approved experience. General Conditions of Service are as laid down in Sectional Part No. IV of 1951 as amended and varied by Sectional Part No. III of 1952 and subsequent directives.

3. Duties. Institute/School Secretaries are required to take charge of the Institute or Trade School offices and to be the direct supervision of Principals or Headmasters. Their duties will include:

- the preparation of vouchers, including salary and fee vouchers for all full and part-time staff at the Institute or Trade School, and posting to relevant ledgers and cash books;
- accounting work connected with the receipt of students' fees;
- the compilation and custody of all student and course records;
- keeping confidential records connected with junior staff, examinations, etc.;
- taking notes at meetings of staff and preparing minutes of such meetings;
- all other office routine or other routine duties—e.g. the supervision of subordinate staff, the carrying out of routine interviews with members of the public etc.

### 4. Qualifications

Candidates (1) must have passed the Limited Competitive Examination for entry to the Executive Class (see Part II of the General Scheme of Service);

(2) must—

(a) possess the following qualifications:

- The Final Certificate of the Corporation of Secretaries (C.S.); or
- The Intermediate Certificate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries (Inter C.I.S.); or
- The Intermediate Certificate of the Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants (Inter A.C.C.A.); and

(b) have gained not less than three years' clerical experience preferably in Government or quasi-Government Service.

(c) have attained their 25th birthday.

Preference is given to candidates with ability to type and write shorthand.

### 5. Entry.

Application forms may be obtained from the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, P.O. Box 1036, Accra. Applicants who are in Government Service should forward their applications through the Heads of their Departments. Applicants may forward copies of any testimonials, certificates, etc. which they wish to submit in support of their application; such copies will not be returned. Candidates may, however, be requested to produce at a later date the originals of such testimonials, certificates, etc. Original documents should not be sent unless requested; no responsibility is accepted for the return of original documents. Applications from candidates who are under any form of bond to serve in any other capacity will not be considered. Any offer of appointment subsequently made to a candidate who has not previously been so notified is null and void. Candidates will be regarded as void. Completed application forms should reach the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, P.O. Box 1036, Accra, before 31st May, 1957.

## Good job

Successful film-making is not achieved by complacently taking the lenses and cameras going on before one's eyes and assuming that a convincing, faithful and entertaining record of the proceedings will result. The fact that there was so much happening in so many places with so many people, but by having a camera relaxation with relief that all has gone well, these were expressed in the various scenes of dancing and jubilation.

Yet the positioning of the cameras and the way in which it is a consideration that may make or mar it completely, particularly where such large crowds of spectators are involved as was the case here.

The Ghana Film Unit has won a reputation on the camera work of the film and it is no doubt that their colour photography work is the outstanding feature of this film.

The shots at the stadium of the human flag composed of boys dressed in the national colours forming the tricolour with star; the camera slowly moving up the flag and behind the tricolour; the bishop and down onto the soldiers to the linguist stick—these were good.

## Stirring pictures

One remembers too the candid photographs of the first moment and then not always happy to realise that they were being photographed in the symbolic moment when the triumphal arch emerged brightly gleaming from the darkness which had been stable and by the flashes and thunder of the fire works.

BUT PROBABLY THE MOST STIRRING PICTURES OF THE FILM ARE THOSE OF THE HISTORIC SHOTS SHOWING THE PRIME MINISTER LIKE A CAPTAIN WITH HIS CHEER OFFICERS FLOODLIT UPON THE BRIDGE OF THE SEAS OF STATE. THEY HAVE, FINALLY, TAKEN UP THE RESPONSIBLE FREE DECISIONS INTERNATIONAL WATERS OF THE WORLD.

The triumphal drive through the Accra streets the night was well covered by the camera in the car following the Prime Minister in the car. The scenes of welcome and celebrations that evening were captured with the usual flair that the unit has for this type of sequence.

The commentator said of these scenes: "The souls of the African peoples speak in the dance and song." It required a considerable light and dynamism, almost an extra dimension during these scenes. The commentary delivered in the main by a vigorous, incisive, and pleasing voice, was, however, not always clear. In fact, the opening few moments were hardly intelligible.