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Population

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- a. Ethiopia has never had a census. Estimates of population range from 15,000,000 to 25,000,000.
- b. 95% of the population of Ethiopia is unemployed at any one time. "We are waiting for the future" was the way one educated Ethiopian (Chief Clerk of the Village School at Fiche, located 80 miles from Addis) expressed it.
- c. There are about 350 Swedish nationals in Ethiopia, employed, for the most part, in the police force, airlines, public health, mining, business and teaching.
- d. In April, 1954, there were only 17 Soviets in the country, - - nine in the Legation including servants, and eight in the Soviet hospital.

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- e. There are fifteen different nationalities represented at the State Bank of Ethiopia.
- f. There are 700 to 800 Protestant missionaries in the various provinces.

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- g. 50% of the population speaks one or the other of the 52 non-Amharic languages in the country.
- h. Estimated school age population is 2,000,000 of which
  - 60,000 are enrolled in Government schools
  - 130,000 are enrolled in Church (orthodox) schools
  - 10,000 are enrolled in Mission schools

General

- 2. Distance in most rural areas in Ethiopia is still measured in hours. Villagers have a shrewder idea of time than direction.
- 3. In April, 1954, there were more than 100 murderers waiting to be publicly hanged. The crime rate is said to drop perceptibly after public hangings. However, "better class" criminals are not hanged in public in order to save their relatives undue distress.
- 4. Old US newspapers sell for 35¢ per kilogram in the Arab junk shops at bazaars, and are prized as wallpaper. In one house [redacted] 70 miles from Addis, all the walls were covered with copies of the Newark, N.J. Evening News, issues of August 4, 1952.

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