

Recently the Government decided to hand over Makadara Hall to the K.A.N.U. Party free of charge and recommended that the fact should be brought to the attention of Parliament by means of a Sessional Paper in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Orders.

Makadara Hall was built by the District Commissioner, Nairobi, in order to provide a suitable venue, outside the City, for large public meetings. It was built on its present site because it was not considered desirable at that time to encourage large crowds of people to gather in the centre of the City for the purpose of holding public meetings or processions.

The Hall was built from Emergency funds and it has not been possible to find out exactly how much money was spent to build it.

After the Emergency, when there was no need to apply such strict control over public meetings, the Hall was converted for a recreation centre.

However, because of its past history, the public has not been very enthusiastic about the use of the Hall as a recreation place, although it costs Government Shs.200/- per month to maintain.

In consideration of the unwarranted expenditure the Government was incurring in maintaining this Hall, and the fact that the building is not being used for any useful purpose at the moment, the Cabinet agreed that it may be handed over to K.A.N.U.

The present estimated value of Makadara Hall is £6,000 and the proposal to hand over the building to the K.A.N.U. Party as a gift has been approved by the Treasury.

The Parliament is therefore requested to agree to the Cabinet's decision on the transfer.

Nairobi.

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