

Lives Remembered

More on Sir Garfield Todd deceased

I met Garfield Todd in 1960, having been sent by the British Government for several years' duty in Africa. I told him he was playing a dangerous game in thinking that in the long run black Africans would meet him half way. It was obvious to me, having recently drafted an African constitution (see my 1962 book *The Constitutional Law of Ghana*¹), that whatever constitutions we British pinned on them, men like Nkrumah and Mugabe would in the end break loose.

Todd was a splendid man, with splendid ideas. The pity of it was that, with all his experience of the country, he was blind to the realities of Africa's future in the mid-20th century. I already realised that when free to do so Africans were bound to break away from what we British had tried to teach them. Todd was not convinced. As a sincere missionary he thought Christianity and common sense were bound to prevail.²

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¹ See [3.5.3](#).

² *The Times* Register (Lives Remembered), 21 October 2002.

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