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THE TOWN AND PEOPLE OF DAKAR.

Our cameraman in the French West African port of Dakar sends back a record of present day life in that important place. It was one of those possessions of the French Empire that remained under the control of Vichy until the North African Campaign in November 1942. In January this year it was announced that British naval authorities were receiving unstinted co-operation from the French at Dakar, and that French ships were sailing in British convoys along the African coast.

The coloured residents of Dakar are very shy and dislike being photographed; this arises out of their belief in Ju-Ju which is the symbol of bad luck. Needless to say any people governed by an administration like Vichy would have strong belief in bad luck.

The ~~former~~ Governor General of Dakar is Monsieur Boisson.

Before the war the population was about 100,000, but now it is nearly four times as great.