

MR. LLOYDSecret Vote: Special Operations

We must keep a check on the issues from the Vote for special operations, for two purposes: (a) to check the amounts issued against the total authorised in each case; (b) to watch the effect upon the out-turn of the Vote for the year. As you know, there is no margin on the Secret Vote for special items, and the assumption is that these items, so far as they are authorised, will be financed eventually by drawing on the reserves. Whether it is the reserve held by the Treasury or "C's" invested reserve, can be decided later.

The following is a list of the titles given to each of the special operations, with the code letters by which they are distinguished in the monthly issues. The figure against each item is the total authorised.

SCANT	N	£60,000	
SCREAM	S	£50,000	
SAWDUST	E	£200,000	(of which £100,000 was drawn last year)
STRAGGLE	D	£150,000	(of which £75,000 was drawn last year)
KHARTOUM	F	£25,000	(all drawn last year and now finished)

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