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WAR CABINET  
CEYLON RICE SUPPLIES

Memorandum by the Secretary of State for the Colonies,

1. In a memorandum which I circulated to the War Cabinet

3. Ceylon's essential minimum needs of rice for current consumption on a rationed basis which will ensure sufficient for the population, including those engaged in the vital rubber and tea industries and in the operation of the ports and railways, are 30,000 tons a month. The only practicable source of supply is India.

4. To make up for the shortage of cereals which even this supply involves, Ceylon needs an assured supply of wheat and flour from Australia at the rate of 15,000 tons a month.

5. These quantities of cereals provide no margin for building up reserve stocks for which extra quantities of rice, wheat and

**Secret Cabinet report on supplies of rice to Ceylon**



Source 2

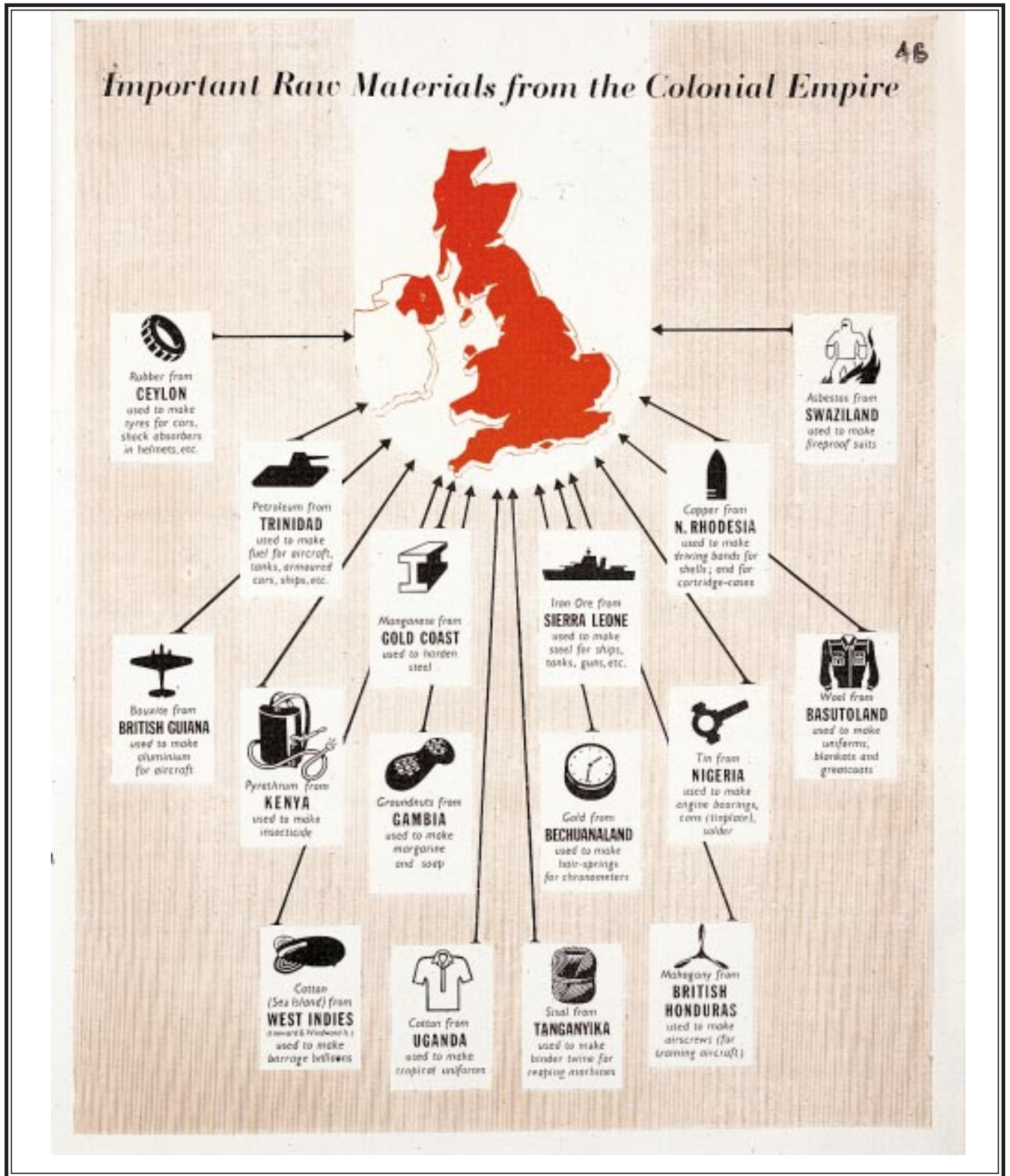
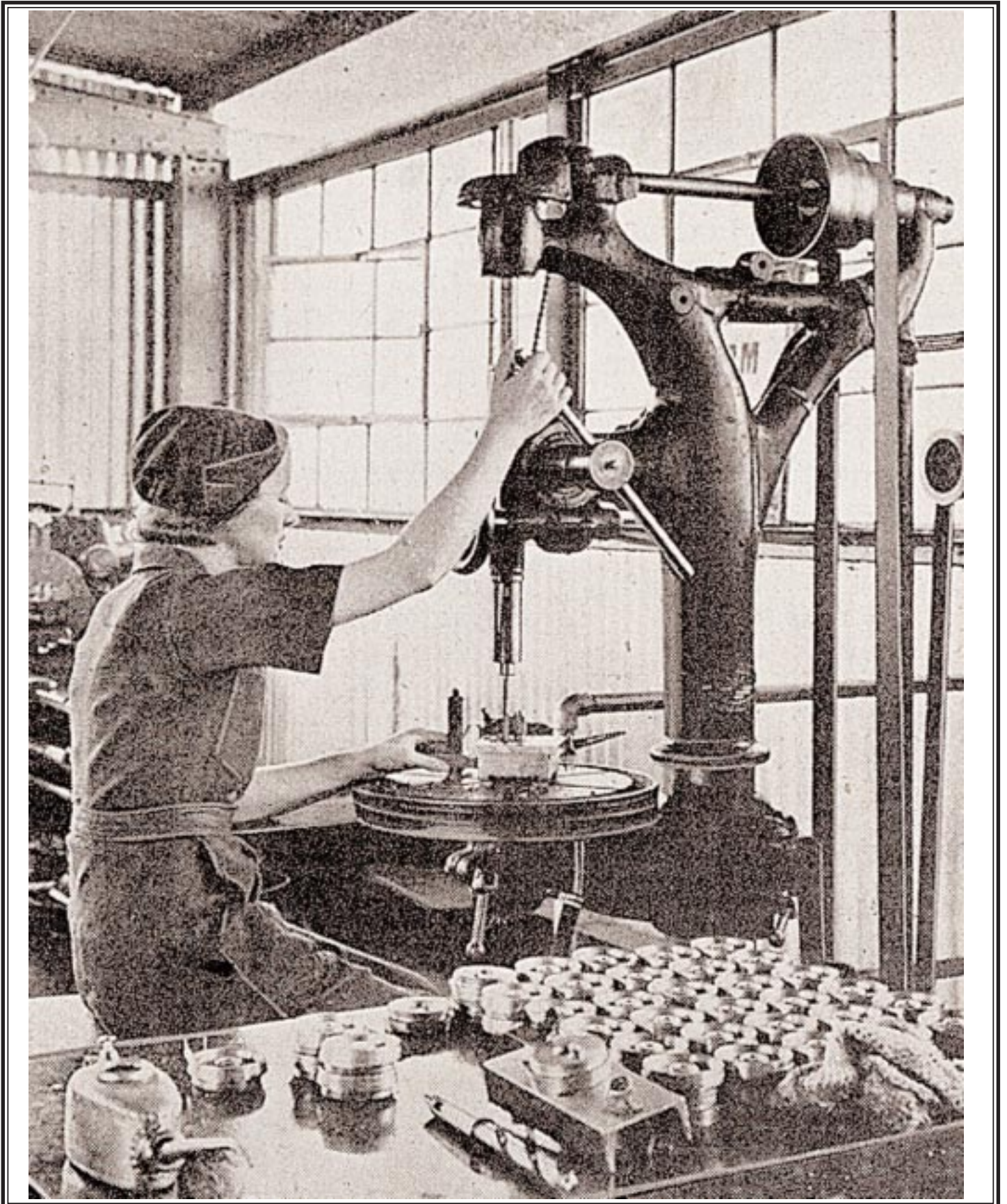


Diagram illustrating the supply of raw materials from the Empire to Britain



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*Photographs showing women at work*



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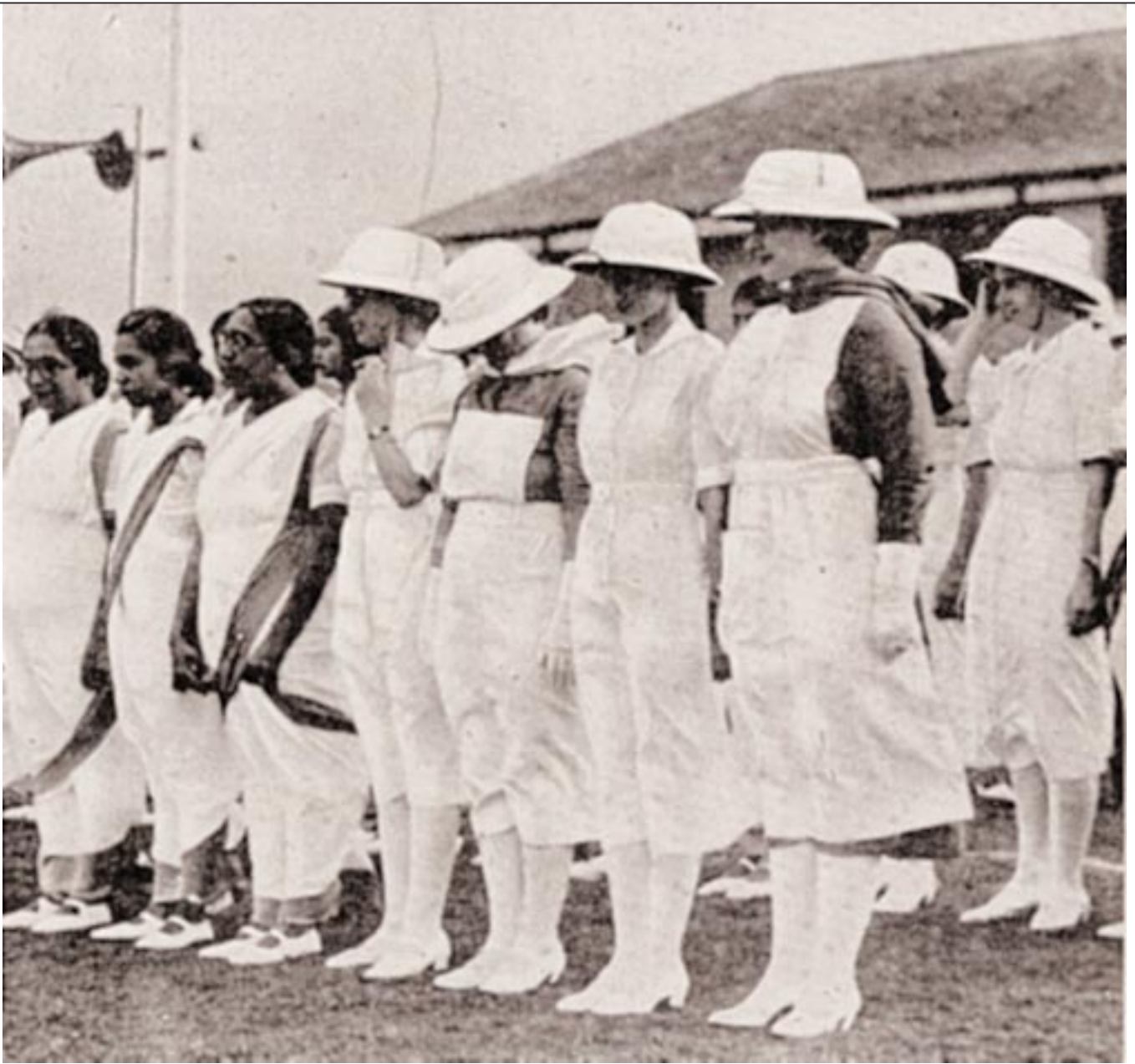


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