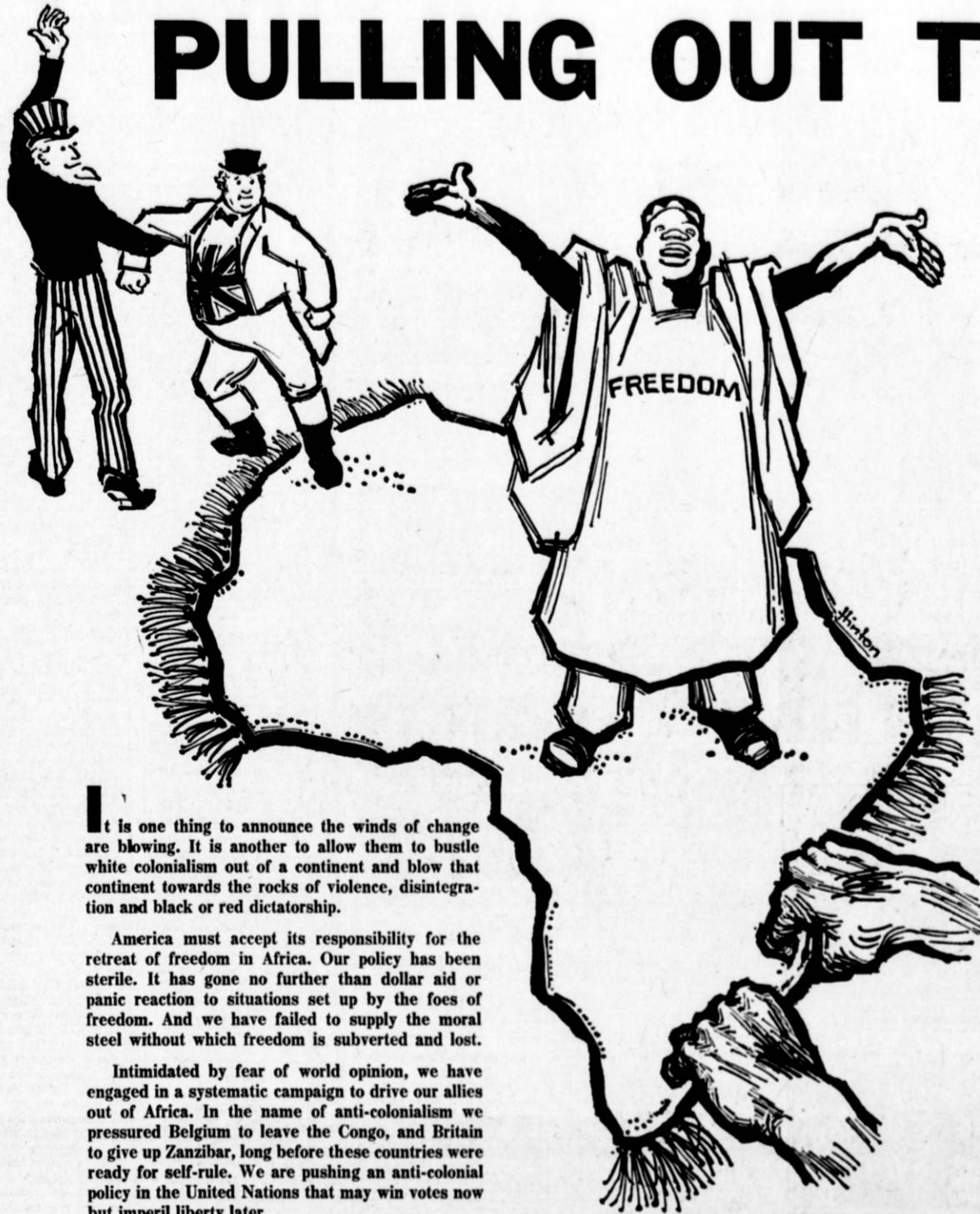


PULLING OUT THE RUG



It is one thing to announce the winds of change are blowing. It is another to allow them to bustle white colonialism out of a continent and blow that continent towards the rocks of violence, disintegration and black or red dictatorship.

America must accept its responsibility for the retreat of freedom in Africa. Our policy has been sterile. It has gone no further than dollar aid or panic reaction to situations set up by the foes of freedom. And we have failed to supply the moral steel without which freedom is subverted and lost.

Intimidated by fear of world opinion, we have engaged in a systematic campaign to drive our allies out of Africa. In the name of anti-colonialism we pressured Belgium to leave the Congo, and Britain to give up Zanzibar, long before these countries were ready for self-rule. We are pushing an anti-colonial policy in the United Nations that may win votes now but imperil liberty later.

A seemingly incredible ineptitude has blinded us to the Communist penetration of Africa. A Reuters dispatch February 6 said Peking's *Jenmin Jih Pao*, the Chinese Communist Party newspaper, hailed Premier Chou En-lai's African tour as a "spectacular success" ushering in a "new era in the development of Communist China's friendship and cooperation with African states."

On the same day the *Christian Science Monitor's* Washington correspondent reported: "One government policymaker even admits the Chou adventure analysis 'fell between the cracks in the State Department. No one felt he was responsible to counteract his (Chou's) tour.'"

The former U. S. Ambassador to Switzerland, Henry J. Taylor, wrote in the *Los Angeles Times*, February 7: "Famous Arab expert Wendell Phillips, author-explorer, told Washington officials the Red score in Zanzibar months ago. He knew the Castro-Sino-Soviet island-hopping plans and also spelled out in detail what would happen in Tanganyika and elsewhere in East Africa . . . The incredible pattern of misinformation and surprises, and the endless denials of the undeniable would be utterly impossible unless the Soviet had infiltrated our government, as proven in numerous other Western countries."

Hindsight is the melancholy gift of history to the shortsighted.

Recent events have shown up the weaknesses in post-war colonial policies of the West. It is true that no other empire has triumphed over all her enemies, as did Great Britain, and, after that triumph, handed back freedom to nation after nation, because she thought it was the right thing to do. But it is one thing to give nations their freedom. It is another thing to establish in them the quality of character and ideology that preserves and guarantees that freedom.

When Africans warned that after the British moved out the Communists would be sure to try to move in to fill the vacuum of power and prestige, and that a moral ideology should be established before the authority of military might was withdrawn, they were often ignored and their plans frustrated by the white authorities.

In Kenya, before Independence, Jomo Kenyatta, the present Prime Minister, asked for the MRA African film "Freedom" to be shown to his people. It is a film, made in Africa by Africans, which shows how lasting freedom must be based on a revolution of character which is the only answer to a revolution of bloodshed. For months the showing of this film was blocked by the white authorities. Finally the demand for it from Africans in Kenya, vigorously supported by certain newspapers, prevailed. It has been shown in Swahili and in English to three-quarters of a million Kenyans. Many of them attribute to this the fact that the elections were carried through without bloodshed. The news magazine *Reporter*, published in Nairobi, commented on "the large following" of MRA in Kenya and said,

The world-wide advance of Moral Re-Armament is paid for by hundreds of men and women who give from conviction and sacrifice. Many contribute regularly. If you wish to have a part, please fill in the coupon.

"Moral Re-Armament has done a great deal to stabilize our recent election campaign."

By contrast, white officials prevented the showing of the film "Freedom" in Zanzibar, and at the subsequent elections violence broke out and sixty people were killed. Today the island is in danger of becoming the Cuba of Africa. An effort was made one year before Kenya's Independence to increase the force of Moral Re-Armament in that country. The Kenyans invited and desired it. It was blocked by the bigotry and blindness of a few petty European officials.

"Freedom" was prevented by European authorities from being shown in Uganda for three years, in spite of the personal plea by African leaders that it be made available to their people. Requests for it to be shown to African contingents of the armed forces in East Africa were rejected. Yet it is the subversion of some African soldiers that has threatened the whole design of freedom for East Africa, when they could have been the moral as well as the military strength of their countries.

Now Britain's military help is being urgently sought. Is not this the moment for America and Britain to learn from the past and, in addition, offer them the revolution of character which alone can secure order and freedom?

Some nation which is supremely equipped by tradition and history has got to rise and answer the challenge of history, and say to the listening earth, "In our society we have answered the divisions that will destroy humanity. We have learned to live like sons and daughters of God, because we are guided by the living God. Our homes are united, our families are united, our men are faithful, our women are pure, our industries are honorable, labor and management both serve the community, both put people before profits, wages or hours."

A Negro said recently, "A civil rights bill will be passed by Congress. Legally my people are going to be given equality in the United States—eventually in South Africa, perhaps everywhere. But no laws can make men like myself trust a white man. I hate them. It is in my bones." He met white men who had changed. He met black men who had changed. He himself changed. He said that the power of Christ could end hatred in human hearts and bring answers that no politics and no laws, necessary as they are, can accomplish. He realized the truth that honest Communists and non-Communists now face

together, that environment, education, legislation, welfare and wealth do not by themselves create the new type of man without whom humanity may destroy itself. God can—and will—if we let Him.

Events are moving at a colossal speed. The choice for Africa is the moral re-armament of the continent or Communist take-over.

For the Communist world the choice is moral re-armament or world war, for free men assuredly will never allow red imperialism to triumph on the earth.

Today the challenge to the Communist and the non-Communist world is to take up the supreme revolutionary task of this era: to remake the whole world and take humanity into the next great step of evolution.

We can decide to turn the tide of history before the tide of history sweeps us into the forgotten depths of its fathomless oceans.

We read that men cannot live by bread alone. A house built on sand cannot last. A civilization built on dirt cannot endure. If men believe we can last for long solely pursuing wealth, sex, comfort, dreading atomic desolation, in a climate which seeks to prove that evil is good, good evil, then men are mad. Those who concentrate on the purse and belly of the national economy but neglect the idea in the head and the answer in the heart, the soul and the spirit of nations, do so at their peril.

Moral Re-Armament is a plumb line through the heart of modern man.

It is a test by which individuals and society pass judgment on themselves.

Its Christian standards of absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love remain the challenge and the charter for the conscience of mankind. They embody the decencies of life which the common man everywhere instinctively wants and knows to be right.

We have faith in the common man. We believe that as the crisis of our times grows more acute and clear, he will accept the challenge, he will be willing to pay the price of change, he will understand that there is nobody more reactionary, whether Communist or non-Communist, than the person who wants to see the world different but refuses to become different himself.

To: MORAL RE-ARMAMENT

112 East 40th Street, New York, N. Y. 10016

1. Please send me further information.....
2. I enclose a contribution of.....

Name (capitals) Mr. Mrs. Miss.....

Address.....

City..... State.....