

Say West Is Losing The Battle For African Mind

By A. J. Higgins For Associated Negro Press
LONDON, England—The Manchester Guardian recently reported that in an interview with a British United Press correspondent, the first interview granted since he took office, Dr. Verwoerd, the South African Premier, said that "The Western world is losing the psychological battle for the mind of Africa because it is trying to outbid the Communists at their own game of attacking the white man's prestige in Africa."

Dr. Verwoerd then gives his version of what is being done and what he thinks should be done. But his argument falls to the ground because he cannot produce any example of the standard he sets for African advancement; that is, the type of African he thinks his system would produce, nor can he describe, in precise terms, how all Africans can be advanced with the meagre resources at the disposal of the Colonial Powers.

"Poor Whites" increase in South Africa despite all the efforts of the Union Government. Juvenile delinquency is on the increase all over Africa and across of thousands of spies, prostitutes and drifters are added to the already huge surplus every year.

Britain and France are poorer than ever and Britain is about to hand over 7,000,000 inarticulate Africans to the tender mercies of 200,000 colourphobic whites in the Rhodias and Nyasaland. Does Dr. Verwoerd really think that 200,000 whites can advance the 7 million Africans faster than Great Britain has done in the past sixty years?

The 7,000,000 Africans will double their numbers within forty years. The Government of the Central African Federation is already short of money for much-needed social services, housing and communications. They cannot control

markets for copper and other exports; just how will that Government fulfill what was alleged to be a "sacred trust" to its African wards?

Then there are the 25,000,000 Africans of East Africa, can the whites there, numbering a third of the whites in Central Africa, be expected to fulfill their trust to Africans?

The natural resources of Central and East Africa are sufficiently large to support the issue of a long-term loan to help Africans, but what Western government would lend say twenty-five billion pounds to East African governments on a long-term loan without or with strings?

I agree that the West has lost the battle for the mind of Africa. I have said so frequently. But I cannot see how the West can expect to influence the African mind in the direction Dr. Verwoerd indicates; that is, to recognize the white man as God's gift to coloured world, and to obey him in all things even when his example betrays his own Christian teaching.

One need not think that all Africans will follow the example of Dr. Nkrumah, Premier of Ghana and start erecting statues until all Africa is one vast Easter Island, full of grotesque figures and with several thousand sets of stamps and currency tokens anymore than one should think it is full of St. Anthony Edens falling upon Zulu and others in collusion with other whites to grab what they want by force when denied it. Nor need we imagine Mahdis reducing the population of their country by six millions in a few years, or a Zulu like Chaka.

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JOB WELL DONE — Miss Edith Tucker, junior, home economics major, of Utkin, N. C. (third from right) is congratulated by Miss Barbara Freeman, sophomore, of Lawrenceville, Va., following the former's report to members of Omicron Eta Chi at Bennett College on her attendance at the North Carolina Dietetics Association meeting. Miss Tucker is president of the Bennett group. Others in photo, left to right are: Misses Alma Fluvy, freshman, of Yanceyville, who gave a report on the meeting of the North Carolina Association of Home Economics to which she was a delegate; Carolyn Critton, sophomore, of Tarboro; LaRita Waters, sophomore, of Jacksonville, Fla. and Millie Adams, senior, of Princeton, W. Va.

Rev. King Tells Of Integration Plans For '59; Montgomery Attempts New Area

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — (AP) — Negroes here will attempt massive integration of city schools early in 1959, the Rev. Martin Luther King announced Tuesday.

The minister, who led a successful bus boycott there two and a half years ago said a committee of the Montgomery Improvement Assn. is now working out the details of the integration attempt. He said the attempt will begin early next year, but added "nothing is worked out in detail arrangement yet."

Rev. King confirmed, however, a broad outline of the integration plan. He said the initial step would be a series of conferences on the question with various white leaders in the cradle of the confederacy. He said the MIA, which he heads, would present a plan of desegregation to the Montgomery board of education in an attempt to work out a solution to the problem.

PLAN MAPPED BEFORE DECISION
King pointed out that the over-

all plan had been considered prior to the recent decision by the U. S. Supreme Court upholding Alabama's school placement law "on its face." He added that "the court's decision will influence our thinking and our method as we move into the future."

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is so sick that normal young men and young women are everywhere preoccupied with the question of changing rather than adjusting to the world as they observe it."

"This defines our age as a crisis age," he added, and "the problem is how to master the tremendous forces which have been unleashed in the world and to control them before they control us to our doom."

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Howard Univ. Prexy Wants Educated Minds

URBANA, Ill. — (AP) — Education of the heart as well as the mind was urged Sunday night by Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University, Washington, D. C., as he opened the sixth National Student Assembly of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association of the University of Illinois campus.

of the student Christian organizations on campuses across the country heard Dr. Johnson in the keynote address of the week-long assembly.

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Mrs. Sarah Herbin, High Point, In Shaw U. Address

Mrs. Sarah W. Herbin, associate director, Mead Employment Program, American Friends Service Committee, High Point, spoke to Shaw University students on Monday, January 5, on Job Opportunities in Industry.

Mrs. Herbin pointed out that new job opportunities have developed for the Negro more rapid than the rate of preparation for them, due to the fact that in the past there was no possibility of obtaining employment in many of the newer fields.

Now that job opportunities for the technical skills are widening, the Negro must aspire and prepare for technical non-traditional jobs, and once prepared, knock on any door in search of employment. She suggested that the southern

born graduates should remain in the south to serve as pioneers in various non-traditional jobs.

In the past, the Negro has had to adjust to segregation, discrimina-

tion, absence of opportunity, but these facts are changing and the time has come for Negroes to abandon traditional views about what work they should aspire to. The progress Negroes will make in industry, she concluded, will depend to a large extent on how well they utilize opportunities now available. The determination to grasp new opportunities must spring from within, she emphasized.

Only if this is done will the Negro achieve the equality of opportunity which he seeks, she concluded.

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