

EDITORIAL OPINION

Letter to Nikita Behind the Times

An "open letter to Nikita Khrushchev" was reprinted Sunday in the international edition of the New York Times by an organization known as the Committee for Freedom for All People. The letter told the Soviet premier to "go home!"

To quote in part from the letter, it reads:

"... We Americans do not insist that foreign rulers, with whom our Government treats, be congenial to us. We do, however, expect them to be civilized. We do not ask that others observe our political forms, or even (much as we would like it) the underlying dependency of governments upon governed that characterizes all advanced societies. But we are less tolerant of assaults on the dignity of man and of revolutions against the natural order. There are limits to our open-mindedness and no tolerance for the monstrous perversities indulged in by your regime. They are, for us, insurmountable obstacles to normal intercourse between nations. We are outraged by your blatant refusal to comply with the U.N. directives concerning Hungary; by your continuing violations of Soviet promises for self-determination and free elections in the captive nations of Eastern Europe; and by the unceasing drive of Communist imperialism to subjugate nations newly coming to freedom. Though our government may find practical advantage in exchanging ministers with your regime, such is not an endorsement of legitimacy. We regard you, among the rulers of the civilized world, as a pretender; your so-called revolution as total war against the human race. Our real business is with your subjects with whom we share a common love of freedom.

"... Your marauding adventures will add still more to the sum of human misery before you are through; but you will be through.

"And your evil conspiracy may inflict violence and slavery on still other nations after you have done with Cuba and the Congo; but the judgments of mankind are catching up with you.

"... You still have the power to hold a billion human beings in bondage, but in God's good time that curse, too, will be lifted.

"What gives us such confidence? Simply this. We of the West know that the laws of nature will survive all attempts by small men to batter them down—even small men with rockets..."

The names of Senators Thomas J. Dodd and Paul H. Douglas and Representative Walter H. Judd are on the letterhead, and a partial list of names of members includes Roy Cohn of McCarthyism fame, Richard Cardinal Cushing, Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, H. V. Kaltenborn, Victor Riesel, Senator Margaret Chase Smith, Martin B. McKneally, president of the American Legion, Gen. James A. Van Fleet and Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, to mention a very few.

Mr. K. must have had quite a laugh if he read this idealistic warning. Besides a laugh he must have gained considerable satisfaction from reading a letter sponsored by so many notable Americans that says what he hopes all Americans think.

Fifteen years ago, most of us might have been satisfied with this type of letter to Joseph Stalin. But today we must not be unrealistic as to believe that "the laws of nature will survive all attempts by small men to batter them down—even small men with rockets." No man is very small any more when he controls an arsenal of weapons as does Khrushchev and no laws of nature can survive the holocaust that these weapons or the weapons of the United States can bring about.

Poland, Hungary, Latvia, Esthonia, Lithuania, Tibet, North Korea, North Vietnam, Mainland China, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Albania, Idel-Ural, Cossackia, Turkestan, Azerbaijan, White Ruthenia, Georgia, Ukraine, Armenia, Bulgaria, Romania. With all due respect, it is time we give the people of these enslaved nations more hope than just "in God's good time."

Khrushchev has stubbed his toe nearly every time he sets foot outside Communist land. Few were impressed by his ugly boast: "We will bury you!" which he repeated during his visit last year to this country. His tirade at the summit conference made him out to be the spoiled baby that he is. This week at the United Nations, he pulled one of his biggest boners in his plan for a shakeup of the U.N., which included abolishing the secretary-generalship. Few members of the neutralist bloc were fooled by his abortive attempt.

So we say, "Visit us when you like, Mr. Khrushchev," and we will laugh at you and peacefully display our hostility. Under the guidance of foresighted Americans we will win the battle, not by the laws of nature, possibly in "God's good time," but most of all through a united and concerted effort of the people of the free world.

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Uncommitted Block of Nations Isn't Excess Baggage for U.S.

At the United Nations the first shock of the colliding cohorts from the four corners of the earth is over, and as we regroup for the next collisions we might look to our baggage train. We could lighten our load for greater flexibility if we rid ourselves of one cumbersome piece of impedimenta — the concept of the "uncommitted bloc of new nations."



Seve Reid

They are new nations in the legal sense and they are mostly uncommitted to either the Communist or the Liberal societies, but they are not a "bloc," because that implies uniformity of aim and the last thing they will tolerate, once they get their confidence, is to be treated as a bloc.

Conscience

At the bottom of our astigmatism about these new sovereignties is conscience. The liberal conscience is, indeed, the celestial fire or none exists in the political world, but this is one of those occasions when the fire is not but clouding our vision with hardening and tempering the smokes of misconception.

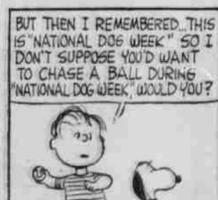
We have looked at these peoples through our own end of the telescope and we have seen that all of them have been made to feel racially inferior, that all have suffered (and benefited) by colonial exploitation, that all yearn for the good material life. Even Americans, with precious little cause, feel guilty toward them all.

We have therefore assigned them a common personality. They have confirmed the misconception by talking, upon occasion, as if they did possess a common identity.

In Africa they have joined to protest apartheid, deepening our belief that they are all resentful of the white man, which is not so; they have jointly condemned French atomic explosions in the Sahara, giving us the impression that they are, in high morality, horrified by violence and pacific at heart, which is not so; they have a sense of solidarity with the brown Africans along the Mediterranean, and this is not so. (Indeed, beneath their solidarity talk, when they meet there is the most profound sense of alienation between brown and black African leaders.)

Misled

And because they have talked of "Pan-Africanism"



and the "African personality" we have been misled to think they are heading for a unified Africa with all that would imply for a new counterweight in the world balance of power. But they are nowhere near that stage and are not likely to reach it in our generation. They are not a "bloc," save for specific votes against specific — and limited — targets, such as apartheid, and it is a mistake to think about "winning them over" as a bloc.

As their common targets are removed, their commonality will be stripped away; and most of the targets are being removed. The French — even the Belgians — can take heart from the fact that saturating, anti-British emotions, bred in the bones of Nigerians and Ghanians, are already vanishing as they quickly vanished in India itself.

Africans by nature are even less given to the grudges of neurotic self-pity than are Indians.

The truth is that the European or North American nations are far more of a "bloc" than the African or Asiatic nations, and the reason is alism while the latter are barely entering the adolescence that the former have reached the maturity phase of nationhood.

Sovereignty

European nations are far readier to limit their own separate sovereignty, the price of commonality, than any of the non-white nations. Why we expect the newest nations to leap over the historic phases of virulent self-centeredness in their progress toward maturity is beyond one's understanding.

Save where an exterior physical force obliges cohesion, as with Russia and East Europe, dictatorial governments are in their very nature inimical to collective purpose and action between nations, barriers to what natural feelings of cross-border common identity may exist.

And surely even those who read as they run must realize that virtually every new nation created since the great

Health IDs Picked Up By Students

Student Health Insurance identification cards will have to be picked up by the individual student this year, according to a spokesman of John Van Bloom and Associates Insurance Company.

The spokesman said, "It is virtually impossible to mail out all the cards and expect to have even 50% of the policy holders receive them." Students wishing their cards now may stop in at Miss Carlson's office in Student Health, the Personnel Office, or at the insurance office located at 1311 M Street. "To save time the student should wait until after Oct. 15th," cautioned the spokesman.

He went on to say that the identification cards are only a convenience and "are not really necessary or required to have."

Liepnieks Given Welch Award

Sylvia A. Liepnieks, a bacteriology and chemistry senior, has been awarded the Jane Sarah Welch scholarship for demonstrating outstanding professional promise in the department of bacteriology, zoology or anatomy.

Miss Liepnieks was born in Latvia and moved to the United States with her parents in 1950. She now resides with her family in Lincoln.

The \$243 scholarship grant, which is awarded each year, was presented by Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Welch in memory of their daughter, Jane Sarah, a former student of the University.

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