

colonies of the Soviet Union sought to liberate itself four years ago, and with what results?

I say that because these facts of history in the Commonwealth and other countries invite comparison with the domination over peoples and territories, sometimes gained under the guise of liberation, but always accompanied by the loss of political freedom. How are we to reconcile the tragedy of the Hungarian uprising in 1956 with Chairman Khrushchev's confident assertion of 23 September 1960 in this Assembly? Mr. Khrushchev said:

'We have stood, we stand, and always will stand, for the right of the peoples of Africa, just as those of other continents, to establish whatever regime they may please in their countries on attaining their freedom from colonial oppression.'

That I accept--and I hope that those words mean a change of attitude for the future on the part of those he represents.

What of Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia? What of the freedom-loving Ukrainians and many other Eastern European peoples which I shall not name for fear of omitting some of them? Mr. Khrushchev went further and said, in the same meeting:

'... Complete and final abolition of the colonial system in all its forms and manifestations is demonstrated by the entire course of the history of the world in recent decades.'

There can be no double standard in international affairs.

I ask the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R. to give to those nations under his domination the right of free elections--to give them the opportunity to determine the kind of government they want under genuinely free conditions. If those conclusions were what his words meant, for they must apply universally, then indeed will there be new action to carry out the obligations of the United Nations Charter; then indeed will there be new hope for all mankind."

I need hardly add that the U.S.S.R. did not respond to this invitation. No evidence has come to the United Nations to suggest an easing of the intolerable situation in the Soviet empire.

Consistent with the position outlined by the Prime Minister, the Canadian Government has continued to urge that the focus of