

Is the Soviet Union to be the only colonial power remaining in the world? Why should the Soviet empire be more sacrosanct than any other? Different rules do not and should not apply to Soviet imperialists. There must be no double standards in the United Nations.

The United Nations Declaration makes no distinction as to the colour or race of people subjected to alien domination and exploitation; it does not qualify the right of peoples to self-determination. It uses the all-embracing word "all" in the preamble that "all peoples have an inalienable right to complete freedom, the exercise of their sovereignty and the integrity of their national territory."

It does not exclude the Soviet Union from the injunction against "all armed action or repressive measures of all kinds directed against dependent peoples."

Monstrous Hypocrisy

The Soviet Union has issued an explanatory memorandum in connection with the debate on granting independence to colonial countries. I draw your attention to one passage in the Soviet memorandum which I consider not only inaccurate but so monstrous in its hypocrisy. I quote from the document:

"The United Nations organization must demand that the population of each colony immediately be given .. universal suffrage, freedom of speech, press, assembly, and the freedom to create their national political parties, trade unions, and other public organizations."

In the countries under Soviet rule and domination, there is no freedom of speech, no press except that controlled by the government, no political party but the ruling one, no trade unions with the power to make and enforce demands against management. These rights and institutions, so much a part of the democratic way of life, are not only systematically denied in the Soviet empire; it is part of Soviet doctrine that they must be subverted in other lands, if the Communist revolution is to achieve its world-wide aims. Yet the Soviet Union uses the language of freedom to promote the aims of Communist slavery.

"He who accuses another man of shameful conduct should take care to keep himself blameless." (Plautus)

History will judge each nation by the efforts it makes to eradicate what remains of injustice and discrimination in its internal and external dealings.

Within the last several days there have been discussions in the United Nations on resolutions regarding colonialism. These discussions are related to countries other than the U.S.S.R., and the U.S.S.R. is giving its support to the Asian and African nations which sponsor these resolutions.