

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: "Complete and final elimination of the colonial regime in all its forms and manifestations has been prompted by the entire course of world history in the last decades..."

No Double Standard

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.

My hope is that those words of his will be universally acceptable and that he will give the lead towards their implementation here and now.

Need for Resumed Negotiations

I wish now to say a few words on East-West relations. A year ago we had great hopes. There seemed to be a promise of a decisive change in relations among the great powers. We, the smaller powers and the middle powers, find ourselves in the position of trying to make our contribution to removing fear and distrust, to bring about mutual understanding and cooperation. The Ten-Nation-Committee began its work. Until the failure of even the opening of the Summit Conference, there were high expectations. Then came the collapse of that Conference. Then there was the withdrawal of the U.S.S.R. from the disarmament negotiations in June. Then came those propaganda attacks in degree and intensity during this summer, the very violence of which must naturally lead to the view that various issues were being deliberately exploited for the express purpose of raising tension. With mankind waiting for us to act, what good can there come from threats to rain rockets or nuclear bombs on other countries, large or small, to despatch so-called volunteers into situations already dangerously inflamed, to encourage political leaders to follow the line of extremism? Mankind, the peoples of all the nations, are fearful and anxious, and these fears and anxieties aggravate the tensions. I ask for a return immediately to the path of negotiation. It is the only course that the great powers should follow. It is incumbent on this United Nations General Assembly to press for the resumption of negotiations,