are anomalies and reflect the lowly position of these nations in the world. They have greater need of the old methods of direct exploitation of the colonies. (4) They cannot afford the "luxuries" and advantages of the new colonialism — nevertheless they must accede to it.

WHAT SHOULD SOCIALISTS DO IN AFRICA?

Africa's problems cannot be solved within the four walls of capitalism and it does not help matters to support revolutions of national "independence" which leave capitalism intact. What is needed in these perilous times are entirely new social relations, production for use rather than for sale on a market, socialism in **fact** rather than merely in name.

But what about Africa's backwardness? Isn't it necessary for nations to go through capitalism to a relatively high degree of development before socialism is possible? And can't this be accomplished in the new nations only by overthrowing the old forms of colonialism?

What is lost sight of by those who advance these arguments is that the world today is rotten-ripe for socialism. It is not necessary for Africa to go through capitalism in order to have socialism transplanted immediately following a socialist revolution in the highly industrialized world. The development of communications to a split - second level makes backward areas no longer a problem to a victorious socialist majority and the painful years of capitalist development could be very easily eliminated for millions of people in the newer countries.

The advocates of state capitalism, reactionary and professedly revolutionary alike, dominate the world scene today. In the name of socialism, "revolutionary" administrators of capitalism have sidetracked the budding enthusiasm for a world fit for human beings into the inevitable capitalist mire of national conflicts of interests (5), drowning workers in the blood of wars. On behalf of the interests of their national capitalism they have used the state machinery to fasten dictatorial rule of a master class on the exploited masses. The net result, for example, of 44 years of Soviet Russian "Communist" rule is bitter disillusionment and disappontment with Marxian socialism by a host of erstwhile Russian supporters who thought they understood, but didn't, the basic principles of socialism. Had the growing maturity of the working class been crystallized into socialist consciousness rather than into a defense of Russian state capitalism, we might by now be witnessing a great growth of socialist understanding: that indomitable force: An Idea Come Of Age.

Socialists in Africa — and all over the globe — have a job to do, working to spread the truth about socialism: a world society in which every man, woman and child has freedom of access to all that is produced.

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(4) Observe Acting Sec. Gen. U Thant's reply to the protest of Belgium's "socialist" foreign minister, Henry Spaak: "It was the wealthy Belgian-run Union Miniere Co., which mines and processes much of Katanga's copper and cobalt, (that) produced the bombs and armored trucks used against UN troops." (Boston Herald, 12-9-61).

(5) Africa is one of the battlefields between the two principal giants in the present not-so-Cold War mastery of the earth. The issue is not differences in philosophy but economic conflicts of interest concerning trade routes, sources of raw materials, spheres of influence, markets, etc.

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"How can we account for our present situation unless we believe that men high in this Government are concerting to deliver us to disaster? This must be a product of a great conspiracy, a conspiracy on a scale so immense as to dwarf any previous such ventures in the history of man." (America's Retreat, by the late Senator Joseph McCarthy, p. 169).

"For many reasons and after a lot of study, I personally believe (John Foster) Dulles to be a Communist agent...Allen Dulles is the most protected and untouchable supporter of Communism, next to Eisenhower himself, in Washington...The chances are very strong that Milton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the Communist Party...There is only one possible word to describe (Eisenhower's) purpose and action. That word is treason." (The Politician by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.).

The "present degree of Communist influence and control over the economic and political affairs" of the United States (1960) is 40-60%. (John Birch Society "scoreboard" on rate of Communist influence in various nations of the world.)

The words of the late Senator McCarthy and of his spiritual successor, Robert Welch, are meant to inflame the discontented, not for the organization of a new and higher type of society, but rather to combat the normal development of the very system they support. The chickens of "rugged individualist" propaganda, indulged in by the defenders of America's present capitalist program as well as by the critical far-right minority, are now coming home to roost in the John Birch Society. Oddly enough, there is a certain logic to the McCarthy-Welch position, a logic that involves more roosting chickens.

Ever since the establishment of the Soviet Union, in 1917, there has developed on the part of friend and foe alike the policy of labelling state capitalism as socialism or even communism. The assumption by the government of functions once the province of private industry or "initiative," according to majority opinion, constitutes "socialistic" or "communistic" measures. A long procession of disseminators of the big lie, from Lenin, Stalin and Hitler to Khrushchev, McCarthy and Welch have all but beaten down any attempt to spread the truth regarding Marxian socialism. So the logic of McCarthy-Welchism becomes apparent. If government domination of society in Russia equals communism, which almost everybody believes, why shouldn't government ownership and control (to the extent it exists) in America, or anywhere else, also equal communism? And if it does, why shouldn't those who regulate the policies of American capitalism, the political leaders in Washington, be labelled either Communist or, charitably, Communist dupes?

MR. WELCH'S NEW FRONTIER

Extreme right-wing Republican as he is, Mr. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. has built a New Frontier. Taking a long look at the American scene, the gentleman no doubt was struck by the multitude of "homeless" anti-Communists and other such dragon-slayers — zealots without an organization. America First, the haven of so many of America's rugged - individualist fascists and bundists of all types in 1940 and 1941, was dead, disbanded, never to reorganize, immediately following Pearl Harbor. The Social Justice Movement of Father Coughlin was no more, having followed America First into limbo shortly after. The movement of the fascist rabble-rouser, Reverend Gerald L. K. Smith, was alive but too narrow in its approach to enjoy a wide, national, following; the multitude that worshipped the late Senator McCarthy was leaderless and rudderless; and so on. Here was truly an opportunity and Mr. Welch, a successful businessman, recognized it.

Although Mr. Welch contends that: "Our only secrets are the numbers of