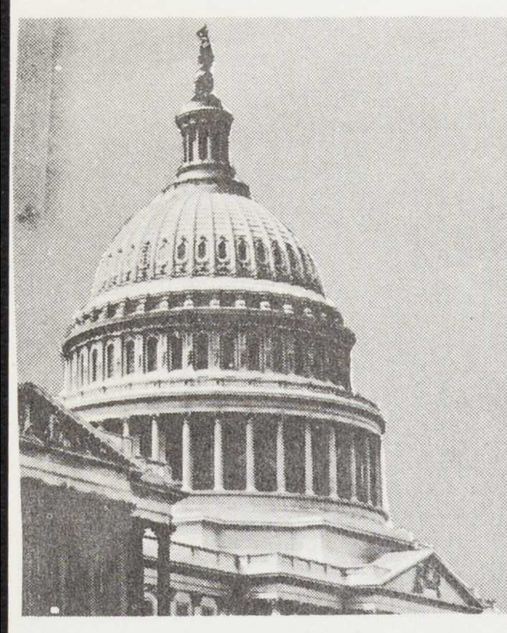

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The pros and cons of the President's address on the State of the Union have been filling the airways and other communication media, but I have a few comments of my own with reference to the speech, which have been overlooked by most, if not all, of the commentators.

The President again turned his back on our American Independence when he stated near the end of his address, "For we seek not the world-wide victory of one nation or system but a world-wide victory of man." Of course, this is idealistic and may come in the next few hundred centuries, when neighbors have learned to live together under the Golden Rule. We simply are not ready for one-world government, when 90% of the people in the world do not have the slightest concept of true liberty and the dignity of the individual who is endowed by his Creator with many unalienable rights. To me that one sentence is devastating and shattering to one who believes in the principles upon which this Republic was founded.

The President glossed over the gains attained in the past two years by the international communist conspiracy. He rejoiced that West Berlin was still a free city, but conveniently forgot that the Wall of Shame was built within the past 100 weeks. He referred to our victorious settlement of Laos which is now a communist haven for the Viet-Cong, who are shooting our men and helicopters in South Viet-Nam and retreating with safety under the protection of a communist government in Laos.

He referred to the value of the UN in the cause of "peace" for its role in settling the West New Guinea problem. That was an easy settlement. The UN just gave Dutch West New Guinea to Sukarno, the Indonesian communist dictator. He praised the UN for coming to the rescue of India when invaded by Red China, but made no mention of the fact that the UN did nothing when arrogant and belligerent Nehru invaded and captured Goa as well as another Portuguese enclave along the Indian shores.

He said the UN always comes to the aid of the weak. We are being shot to pieces in South Viet-Nam, and no true report has been given to the American people. He praised the UN for its attempt to unify the Congo by a murderous attack upon Katanga. It appears that by brute force, and hundreds of millions of dollars of American taxpayers' money, Tshombe has been brought to bay. History will give this experiment in mass murder a low grade. Even having reduced Tshombe to a mere vassal of the Congo central government, does not end the civil strife in the Congo. There are a hundred separate tribes more loyal to their tribal chieftains than they ever will be to Adoula. Within the last month, 4000 tribesmen were killed in one encounter, and it will take a standing army in the Congo to maintain peace. You can expect the release of the communist, Gizenga, very shortly, who was jailed by the central government only as window dressing to persuade the world that Adoula was not pro-communist, in order to justify the Katanga venture.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the greatest living authority on Africa, made this statement only a few months ago: "The policy of the UN in the former Belgian Congo causes me great anxiety because it proceeds from a total ignorance of the country's problems. It is a grave error to try and unite by force people so profoundly divided among themselves. If Katanga is unwilling to be reunited with the Congo, the UN should respect its wishes and not try to impose its own will at any cost."

For a monolith like the UN, which always prides itself on giving self-determination to any tiny African country, regardless of how small, it has certainly reached the height of inconsistency, so far as self-determination is concerned, in the Congo.

Incidentally, the State of the Union speech did not mention the crippling dock strike which has paralyzed the Gulf and East Coast shipping for months, nor did he mention the fact that practically all daily newspapers in New York City had suspended publication due to an arbitrary strike.

The President glossed over the Cuban situation, which is of immediate and great concern, and my next Washington Report will be solely devoted to this explosive situation.

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