

# "FREEDOM FIGHTERS"

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## CHEER NKRUMAH

### Quit Africa call to "imperialists"

From Our Correspondent

Accra, Tuesday.

**WILD CHEERS** from more than 150 African "freedom fighters" greeted President Nkrumah in Parliament House here last night when he told the Positive Action Conference for African Liberation that the United Nations should ask the "imperialists" to quit Africa by the end of the year.

The "freedom fighters," including Kenneth Kaunda from Northern Rhodesia, had supplanted most of the 114 members of the Ghana National Assembly, sitting in their horseshoe-arranged seats.

President Nkrumah, who believes he has played an equal part in the liberation movement, recalled that when he called the first independent African states conference here in April, 1964 there were only eight independent African countries, but today the number is nearly 30, and more are on the way to independence.

His, and several other statements, chiefly anti-imperialist attacks, were greeted with wild applause.

President Nkrumah, who wore a white uniform, signifying that in the struggle there will be victory for the Africans, said that the meeting would take stock and weigh their weapons as against those of the imperialists and then plan their strategy.

#### POOREST COUNTRY

He attacked Spain and the Common Market, which he looks upon as instruments to perpetuate "colonialist exploitation" of Africa, and he stressed that Portugal, "the poorest country in Europe," could not normally wage war against the colonialists of Moroccan and Angola without NATO aid.

He stressed that for that reason Britain had not yet raised a finger against Portugal over "attacks" on her African colonies.

He referred to South Africa and the Rhodesian Federation and said Africans were not interested in the "hallelujah" offered by others that they were developing Africa.

#### DEVELOPE EUROPE

Africa was no alternative to Europe and if they were interested in developing Africa, they should "develop Europe instead."

Dr. Nkrumah asked the United Nations to devote the entire forthcoming General Assembly to the subject of colonialism because, he said, as long as a portion of Africa remained under colonial rule the world would not have peace.

He stressed the need for African unity and declared that there were "more imperialist Africans who worked for imperialism for money and other selfish aims."

He would not expand on his statement that "we are determined to give history a revolutionary push" if things did not go as they wanted them to go.

## City Council system criticised

Management Committee create a rift between city councillors who are members of the committee and those who are not. Mr. P. Lewis (I.P., Parktown) said in the Provincial Council today during the Budget debate.

He said that in Johannesburg the system was tried out when the city was faced with an unprecedented fire and councillors who were not members of the Management Committee were "kicked along."

In other city councils, however, the ordinary councillors were frustrated and the system had resulted in antagonism being built up.

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