

to all parts of the continent. This explains why Dr. Malan, the "republican," is forced to visit Britain for the Coronation and to hobnob with the British Queens. This explains why the British Government banishes Seretse from his country at the instance of the South African Government. This is the true explanation of the barbarous and cruel manner in which the liberation movements all over Africa are being suppressed: happenings which have shocked the right-thinking people all over the world and aroused their deepest indignation. **The people of Africa will be the first victim of a future war. Their industries will produce armaments, their raw materials will be used, not to develop their own economies but to destroy those of others.** The war danger in Africa is very close indeed.

The South African Peace Congress which met in Johannesburg recently was convened at a time when people in all countries have realised how urgent it is for them to redouble their efforts to prevent another war and to safeguard peace. People throughout the world are coming to understand how closely the struggle for peace and against the menace of war is linked with the preservation of the right of the nation and the individual to a peaceful existence. This Conference shows that more and more people in South Africa have come to understand the most serious threat to the peace, security and freedom of the people that exists at the present time and the urgent necessity of rallying to remove this threat by joint effort.

This mad lust for profits and markets in Africa, the war preparations of the United States and its satellite countries puts the national independence of the people of the continent, and their very right to live, in serious jeopardy. The threat to the national liberation movements in Africa resulting from the presence of foreign armies arouses the deepest indignation of all patriots. The people of Africa are being forced to realise that peace is their most immediate concern. They demand the withdrawal from the Continent of Africa of all foreign troops and the end of colonial oppression and exploitation.

THE GLORY OF MAN

By **JOSEPH GILLMAN***

IT is a great privilege for me to be asked to speak to this Peace Congress. Peace turns the back of mankind (and I hope this time for evermore) on brutality, suffering, death, destruction, famine and pestilence, the very negation of all those human aspirations nurtured tenderly through the centuries of suffering as man groped from dark-

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ness, superstition and ignorance to light, human understanding, and full creative expression.

Peace brings with it a need to alleviate human suffering, to uplift and rehabilitate the downtrodden that they too may participate in the enjoyment of the fruits of the earth, and the warm, glad sun.

Peace above all renews our faith in man, for what greater experience is there than the full appreciation of the dignity of man.

As we look backwards through the ages, we cannot but be impressed by the remarkable potential of man; the great cathedrals, the great works of art, the mastery of nature, of the sea, of the earth and of the air. Deserts have been made to flower, unruly forests have been harnessed, and devastating pestilence controlled—all this, my friends, achieved in the face of hostility; can you imagine when all the people of the world are liberated, are allowed to understand each other, are given every opportunity to find full creative expression, what joy, what a spectacle of human achievement will spread over the face of the earth! We shall indeed witness the true glory of man. These are not pipe-dreams, these are the things that can come to be if you desire them.

As I think of Africa today, of that vast territory extending from the Sahara to Cape Town, with its African-Indian population of over 160 million, and of its 4 million whites; as I reflect on the plight of the people—of the one million lepers, of the millions of tuberculotics, parasite-infested human beings, of the millions of babies who are born into filth and degradation, and who never reach the age of 12 months, and when I reflect that there are vast expanses of land stretching from the Indian Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean which if cultivated can feed easily the entire continent of Africa as well as Europe, then I know that there is a great, urgent task before us.

And that is why I talk of peace now. You have got to feel it, dream it, lest you be distracted by other nefarious desires.

Lest you feel alone here today, lest you feel that you are voices crying in the wilderness, I would assure you that there are at least 700 million people thinking the same way. Grasp the hand of your comrades, raise up your voices, that a great cry resound through the entire universe—for peace, and for the restoration of the dignity of man, and all that it means. For happiness!

THE LIBERAL PARTY REPLIES

By T. W. PRICE

AN article described editorially as “Mr. Mandela’s searching analysis of the Liberal Party” was published two issues ago in “Liberation.” Much of the article is the usual critical mumbo-jumbo, a sort of intellectual throwing of the ideological bones, used by Leftists everywhere in their “analyses” of Liberalism. It all supports a question, much the same as the famous one rapped out by Pistol.