

"Until all Africa is free"

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of Africa Freedom Day

✓ "Congress"
✓ "President"
✓ Both House
✓ Africa Freedom Day

I am grateful that you have allowed me to

join with you for this Africa Freedom Day program.

I am honored to share this platform with the

distinguished representatives of several new

African nations. I am hopeful that this observance---

and others like it---will serve to remind the American

people of the yearning and struggle of the people

of Africa for freedom.

Freedom, Independence
Anti Colonialism

Sometimes, I fear, we Americans need to be

reminded. Our interest in Africa has been con-

~~lined too often to adventure stories and technicolor~~

as our
history
our
Commitment
to Humanity!

movies. Our attention to Africa has been aroused
often only by reports of crisis or violence.

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We need to know---constantly and more deeply--- *and we are learning*

that the people of Africa today struggle toward a

life for which Americans have fought and died---

a life of individual dignity, national independence

and political freedom ~~which we have won.~~

But it was many years ago that we won ^{Political} freedom

for our people and our lands. ^{and} We must regain a sense of

excitement about it. Freedom must ^{be} again become for us

what it is to the people of Africa today---an exciting,

dynamic, vital, precious, imperative condition of life

and right of ~~man~~ ^{of every man.}

If I could make just one request of my ^{fellow} country-

men relating to their attitudes toward Africa, it

*and our fight
still goes on
segregation
discrimination*

*Freedom
must be
expected!*

*one
request,*

would be this: ~~Let us forget that our Nation~~

~~is big and powerful and wealthy.~~ Let us dismiss

from our minds any attitude of authority or influence

or superiority. Let us, above all, approach the

people, the ^{free} governments and the nations of Africa

as equals — as partners, friends, neighbors

And I ~~would~~ go even farther. ~~I would~~ suggest

that this nation would do well to approach the

vibrant and noble struggle of the African people

with a touch of humility.

But This I know: The American people want all men

to win and sustain freedom. We want the people of

Africa to live, work and prosper under full freedom.

We want the people of Africa to achieve and enjoy the

dignity of freedom.

We know that there can be no human and individual dignity where men are beaten down by the burdens of hunger or bound by the chains of squalor ~~and poverty~~

~~The~~ → We know also that there can be no freedom where there is no right to choose. Freedom is not passive;

it is not merely an absence of restraint. Freedom is a positive, dynamic ^{force} opportunity to choose. ^{to accept or reject}

↳ We believe that the people of Africa must be given a chance for free choice ^{and} the opportunity to plan and achieve the cultural, political, economic and social development to which they are entitled.

↳ We do not want just "stability" in Africa. We want progress and growth and achievement. "Stability" often implies lack of change, the status quo.

For some nations, for some regions, stability

Freedom is born in Pain, in Struggles, in Suffering.
Passion for Freedom - Washington Forward Address

may be fine. But it is not enough for Africa today.

The man who asks only for stability in Africa is wrong. Stability for Africa would mean continued hunger, continued sickness, continued poverty, continued illiteracy.

Welcome Change

in fact we are doing

No, we welcome change for Africa and her peoples.

That is why this nation has pledged to share its resources

and ~~asked~~ *urged* other nations to share theirs---to help the

African people make the economic and social progress *the changes*

toward which they ^{*so urgently*} strive *and do so rapidly*

We in America do not seek to dominate. We do

not seek to control. We do not seek to tell Africans

how to live or how to work or how to govern. We want

only to share what we know and what we have, so that

that our African neighbors

may build and grow as they choose.

Hunger, Poverty, Sickness and

~~The man who is hungry has no freedom, no choice. He has only one, desperate need, and~~

~~illiteracy are the enemies of freedom and dignity. all other considerations are irrelevant. The~~

~~we must join together - unite as one, to overcome these ancient enemies of humanity.~~

~~We do not ^{ask} demand that the people of Africa accept our way, our policies, our system. We no longer~~

Knowdown

~~consider neutralism a political sin, in fact.~~

~~we ask.~~

Our hope is that the people of Africa can work against the scourge of hunger, illness and ignorance rather than ~~waste~~ ^{use} their energies and resources in a Cold War struggle that can benefit neither them nor the rest of humanity.

There may be forces in the world today which are afraid to leave Africans free to develop,

Washington
farewell
Address
Power
Struggle

free to choose their own form of government, ~~that is our social system,~~

free to build their own social and economic systems.

h We Americans are not afraid. We ^{are confident} ~~believe~~ that the

people of Africa will choose liberty and democracy---

if they have the opportunity for choice, ^{Yes we believe} ~~which can~~

that Africans want

~~come only from~~ freedom from hunger, disease, ignorance

and illiteracy. *We are ready to help.*

~~That is why~~ we wish to offer education, not

domination. ~~That is why~~ we wish to offer food, not

force. ~~That is why~~ we wish to offer help, and not

harassment,

of friendship,
We offer ~~a~~ hand, and hope it will be accepted.

We say: "Stand, and walk proudly. Walk to freedom

and dignity."

Above all, we say: "You are no man's inferior.

You are equal with all men under God. Man was born

to be free. You were born to be free."

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