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### Monrovia Conference of African and Malagasy States

- Announcement of Perm. Represent. of Liberia
- Letter from the Chairman of the Conference.

PRESS RELEASE

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Ambassador Nathan Barnes, Permanent Representative of Liberia to the United Nations, announced today that the Monrovia Conference of African and Malagasy States which met in Monrovia from May 9th through May 13th adopted several resolutions.

The first resolution spelled out means of promoting better understanding and cooperation designed to achieving unity. Participating States recognized importance of Monrovia Conference as historic, regretted absence of some Sister States but confident in their intense desire for African unity and solidarity expressed hope absentee States would attend subsequent meetings.

They expressed anxiousness to promote full brotherly cooperation among Independent States and considered need for pooling resources and coordinating efforts to overcome barriers of growth confronting these countries on their way to development.

The Conference adopted the following principles to govern relationships among them: Absolute equality, irrespective of size, population and wealth, non-interference in internal affairs, respect for sovereignty of each state and their inalienable rights, unqualified condemnation of outside subversive actions by neighbouring States, promotion of cooperation throughout Africa based upon tolerance, solidarity, good neighbourliness and non acceptance of any leadership, unity void of political integration of sovereign African states. The Monrovia conference urged all African and Malagasy States to refrain from encouraging dissident groups in subversive activities by permitting their own States to be used as bases from which dissidents may operate.

The Conference accepted in principle creation of Advisory Organization to put into effect principles agreed upon. It decided to set up Technical Commission

of Experts to meet in Dakar, Senegal Republic within three months to work out detailed plans for economic, educational, cultural, scientific technical cooperation, communications and transportation among African and Malagasy States.

The Monrovia Conference urged revival of African culture and traditions in the interest of preserving real African heritage. It stressed need to teach French and English languages in addition to respective national and official languages and decided finally next confab to held in Lagos, Nigeria.

Resolution two affirms unanimous determination to give material and moral assistance to all dependent territories of colonial powers to accelerate accession to independence; appeals to France and Algerian Provisional Government to conclude agreement to end war and accord independence and territorial integrity to Algeria; reaffirms faith in United Nations as only Organization best adapted achieve real solution Congo problem; calls on all African States to desist hasty recognition of break away regimes in Congo and taking sides with rival Groups; condemns assassinations as means to attain political power as well as action certain non African States which encourage subversion; also condemns unreservedly Apartheid of South Africa and all attempts to weaken United Nations Authority. Resolution also appeals to universal conscience against atrocities and bloody repression Angolan population and to all nuclear powers to stop manufacture and stock piling nuclear weapons and further explosions.

Resolution further calls on African and Malagasy State to pledge wholehearted material and moral support to Africans in Angola and to apply immediate sanctions against South Africa to compel abandonment of Apartheid practice and take all necessary steps to give material and moral support to Africans and Asians in South Africa to regain stature of man. It affirms strong support for decision of Trusteeship Council that South Africa must acknowledge authority of Council as Guardian of Mandate over South West Africa.

Conference decided that Chairman make written appeal to Nuclear Disarmament Commission now meeting in Geneva to use best effort to secure Disarmament; note assurances by French Government to cease further nuclear explosions in Africa; urges United Nations to assure more equitable geographical distribution of seats on Security and Economic and Social Council.

Conference by third resolution resolved that disputes be settled by peaceful means for which Commission shall be created and attached to Organization of Cooperation of African and Malagasy States. Also recommends that written appeal be made through Executive Authority of present Conference to their Excellencies Emperor of Ethiopia and President of Somalia to make renewed efforts towards sincere and early solution of existing frontier and any other disputes.

Conference expressed gratitude and sincere thanks to President, Government and People of Liberia for hospitality extended Delegations during its historic and fruitful meeting in Monrovia. Also expressed profound admiration for President Tubman who has persistently worked for African solidarity, brotherhood and unity.

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LETTER DATED 12 JUNE 1961 ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LIBERIA  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSMITTING A LETTER DATED 25 MAY 1961  
FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF AFRICAN AND  
MALAGASY STATES HELD IN MONROVIA

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter addressed to the Chairman  
of the Security Council from the Chairman of the Conference of Heads of African  
and Malagasy States held in Monrovia May 8th through 12th and request that the  
same be circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Nathan Barnes  
Permanent Representative

May 25, 1961

Mr. Chairman,

In pursuance of the Resolutions passed by the Heads of African and Malagasy States meeting in Monrovia, May 8 - 12, 1961, I am pleased to draw the attention of the Security Council to the recent resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the question of the admittance of the Islamic Republic of Mauretania into the membership of the United Nations Organization.

The Conference is convinced that the Republic of Mauretania possesses all the qualifications for membership, and looks with concern upon any attempt to prohibit this Republic from association into that Body by the exercise of a veto, or to link its admittance to other issues.

The Conference feels that the General Assembly truly represents all the Members of this International Body, and as such its wishes should be respected.

In the name of the leaders of twenty Independent African States representing about 120,000,000 African people, I therefore in the name of and by the directive of the Conference call upon the Security Council at its present sitting to approve the membership of this independent African Republic.

With sentiments of esteem.

Faithfully,

(Signed) William V.S. Tubman

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