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PLEASE DO NOT IGNITE THE WORLD

This is a ONE MAN APPEAL to the people of the United States of America through their elected representatives in the SENATE, in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES and STATE GOVERNORS.

I am a Nigerian very much concerned about the explosive situation in the world today with all the dangerous, destructive and push-botton weapons, piled up as shows of power, especially by the two SUPER POWERS- The USA and USSR.

For the past fifteen years, I have devoted my time and spent hard earned money to study events that are dragging human beings to what is now perennial conflicts which may result into the end of this very precious earth. The earth that is so blessed with abundance in everything that can sustain lives, but which are being directed to destroying lives and the earth itself.

When we in this part of the world saw light and started to struggle to be independent of British colonialism, we got historical inspiration from what led to the United States struggle against British domination. The American Declaration of Independence was of particular interest, especially when some of our own people who studied in the United States came back home to spear-head a new form of nationalism.

The British were then busy spreading propoganda that American Education was inferior and cheap. The effect was only temporary.

The wind of change blew all over Africa and other colonial territories. Nations under colonial rule started to gain freedom from the fifties.

But it was soon to be discovered that the freedom granted to these countries was not complete. Economic freedom was taken for granted. Soon, what is now known as neo-colonialism, suffaced all over.



I will quote a passage from Chamber's Encyclopedia reprinted in 1970 about the history of the U.S.A. under the column "BACKGROUND TO AMERICAN REVOLUTION" "as with all revolutions, the causes which separated the thirteen colonies from Great Britain were social, economic and political and so inextricably interwoven that it is difficult to appraise them."

A little over two hundred years ago, the Americans revolted and fought to gain social, economic, and political freedom. But in this twentieth century, the type of freedom granted to Colonial countries in Africa and other continents is minus economic freedom. This is the root cause of the problems afflicting the world today. And very disappointingly, the United States is backing the former colonial powers to continue to perpetuate this fraudulent freedom.

The very respected Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Runcie, in his sermon during the Memorial service marking the 40th anniversary of the end of the SECOND WORLD WAR had this to say:

"the organised life of groups and nations continues to be a struggle to dominate or to avoid domination."

This is a small extract from a 9-page sermon. To elaborate on it will take volumes.

In South Africa, a minority group of whites, invented an evil system called APARTHEID to dominate the African majority group who are the real owners of the land. The resistance to this domination has now taken a very violent shape. And there will be no peace, never mind how many people are killed, until the domination or even the fear of domination vanishes completely.

Since 1948 that Apartheid became law in South Africa, it has always had the support of the Western countries and backed with the economic might of the United states of America.

President Reagan has clearly unveiled American plans to use that apartheid enclave to force the new politically independent African States in that area to submit to Western economic and social domination.



Poor Angola has been subjected to all forms of attacks backed actively by the U.S. which has refused to recognise it since independence ten years ago because the leaders of Angola refuse to accept another form of slavery. And because they invited friends they can trust to help them. The people of Angola have not been given the breathing space to tap their natural resources to feed, clothe and provide shelter for themselves.

The whole world and very many people in the US are crying against this evil system. But the U.S. Government cannot see the hand writing on the wall. It is now quibbling.

The evil aspects of this new "freedom" in former colonial countries are that corrupt and repressive leaders and Governments are encouraged and backed up with arms, money and rigged elections while popular Governments are discouraged, discredited or overthrown. The masses suffer all forms of privations.

Thus the seeds of revolution are planted. The more people suffer, the more they are hardened to resist domination. No amount of killings or terror can stop the resistance.

This is the pattern in all third world countries. Pity enough, the U.S. takes the lead in supplying money and arms to perpetuate these evils. The C I A, which ex-President Jimmy Carter clipped its wings has got unprecedented boost from President Reagan's administration. It has penetrated into every form of organisation, *all over the world.*

The international scapegoat for the activities is communism. When a tyrant emerges on the political leadership of a country and wants to remain in power, he just has to shout about communist infiltration. There is always ready response from the US. President Reagan has created new meanings for terrorists, freedom fighters etc.



It has reached such a stage of obsession and power-drunkenness that any nation voting against America in the U.N must be punished. Any country that does not take dictation from the U.S must be crushed. Any organisation that does not bow to America's grand design of domination must be crushed. Any country that resists Western exploitation and oppression is communist.

On the other hand any person or organisation or country that supports the U.S, however evil or repressive, is received with open arms, and the Western press is used to black out bad news about it.

By all I have studied and observed for a decade now, I am convinced that if the new leader of the U.S.S.R turns round and agrees with President Reagan that he will join in discussing how the big powers will divide the third world countries into spheres of economic interest, we will not hear anything about the Soviet Union being called "evil empire" again.

There was no communist country in existence when in 1884, the western countries sat in Berlin to divide Africa into colonies. The Western summit in another part of Germany this year was to find a new method of economic domination of Africa backed with military force. There was no unanimity. And the communist scare loomed in the horizon.

It was the desire to dominate which took a new form after the industrial Revolution and the desire to resist domination that inspired Karl Marx and Engels to develop the theory of scientific socialism which was meant to be universal.

Domination started within individual countries in Europe when the ruling class, especially the absolute monarch and feudal lords oppressed the masses with all forms of taxes. It was to avoid the domination that many people in Europe went to the land now known as the United States of America.

Czarist Russia was a land where the few rulers, princes and feudal lords subjected the masses to abject poverty, treating them as sub-humans. There was a period that Russia was called the sick nation of Europe.



The domination of the masses with state power had gone beyond avoiding domination. It was to be resisted and destroyed.

That was why Lenin, who had studied Karl Marx and Engels led the revolution that finally saw the end of Czarism in 1917, and laid the foundation for the creation of what is now the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. It was possible through the response of the masses who were ready to lay down their lives.

I was in London when the high-jack of a US plane and the passengers-US citizens-held as hostages, rocked the world. For the first time since he became President of USA, Ronald Reagan saw the futility of using force, That should have been a great lesson for mankind.

But President Reagan at the end of the unpleasant event went on the air to make the most unreasonable and crude statement ever made by an American President. In it he named five countries (Libya, Iran, Cuba, Nicaragua and North Korea) as breeding grounds for terrorism.

Libya, after the overthrow of King Idris has become a better place for the masses of the country who are solidly behind Qadafi in spite of his faults.

Iran is now breeding a new type <sup>of</sup> resisters of domination that only an internal revolution can stop.

Cuba under Castro for twentyfive years has taken a new shape of developmant recognised by the whole world and well respected by third world countries.

Nicaragua went through a popular revolution spearheaded by the Sandinistas in 1979 who in a well organised elections recently won the votes of the people by a very large majority (about 75%).

North Korea is a creation brought about by the presence of the two super powers during and after the 2nd world war. It is noted for its self-reliance policies; and though a communist country, is completely independent of Moscow and Peking.



All of them are very bitter against America. Libya and Iran were Monarchies with ruthless rulers who dominated the masses. They resisted domination and home-brewed revolutions overthrew the Monarchies who had strong American military and economic ties.

Cuba and Nicaragua who had the corrupt and ruthless Batista and Somoza respectively in saddles of Government revolted in home made resistance. These countries are Reagan's terrorist enclaves. ~~He~~ He still clings to that historical fallacy of "MIGHT IS RIGHT" North Korea lives in constant fear ~~that~~<sup>of</sup> the US 42,000 troops and vast stocks of weaponry in South Korea. They are always holding joint exercises. Why are Cuban troops wrong to be invited to Angola?

The vituperations by Reagan against these countries are bareface demonstration of vindictiveness and falsehood which does no credit to US reputation abroad.

Before Reagan the US record of interference in other countries affairs was not widely known. But the coming of Reagan has bared everything.

It is now widely known that the killing of Patrice Lumumba in the Congo, the overthrow of Nkrumah in Ghana, the slaughter of Allende in Chile—all popularly elected politicians were the handwork of the CIA.

A very shamefully and openly rigged election took place in Nigeria in 1983 returning an unpopular and unwanted Government into power. President Reagan, with his usual crude way, rejoiced with the "winners" and called it the triumph of Democracy in Nigeria. If the Army did not step in when violent resistance began, there could have been serious bloodshed which could have spread to some American institutions here.

The type of Government we had in Nigeria from 1979 to 1983 was the worst ever. But it was very friendly with the Reagan administration. Is this not an eye opener that it was the type of Governments the US helps to sustain all over the World?



When the name of an African was proposed for the Secretaryship of the United Nations, the US Representative was against it and had to use the veto to prevent him from being voted for.

The South African apartheid Government has continued to defy the world and the United Nations and still keeps Namibia as a colony with President Reagan full support.

Reagan's administration helps rebels UNITA to go on terrorising the people of Angola. And relying on US, the South African Government keeps on attacking Angola in spite of protests from all African countries.

The foregoing and many others show clearly the contempt with which the US Government thinks of Africans.

Do the Americans expect love in return for these evils from African countries?. It is pertinent here to give a warning that when Africans are driven to desperation in their resistance against domination, they will resort to something worse than the Mau Mau of Kenya. All US weapons will not deter them until the continent is completely free.

The US withdrawal from UNESCO is to punish third world countries. The worst of it is the amount of time, money and falsehood being wasted to campaign against the head of that organisation who happens to be an African.

I was in London when the British Independent Television showed a programme in which the head of UNESCO and head of a US organisation specially set up to use every means fair or foul to destroy anybody or organisation that does not bow to US dictation.

It was a very big disgrace when, in that programme, all the lies told against the UNESCO and the head were punctured openly.

President Reagan only believes that with military might the US can do anything good or bad and get away with it. History does not support this. Otherwise so many empires that had sprung up all over the world in the past would not perish. Even the Roman Empire that was even bestowed with holiness (HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE) crashed.



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You may say I have not said a word against the USSR in this appeal. Soon I may be accused of being onesided. This has been used as form of subtle blackmail against people who criticise the USA and does not put a bad word across for the USSR.

The title of my appeal is "PLEASE DO NOT IGNITE THE WORLD". So you will excuse me to say that after a reasonable research, I came to the conclusion that your President, Ronald Reagan, is the most aggressive, crude, very ignorant (of world politics) and reckless head of state who, if not checked, can start a ~~nuclear~~<sup>NUCLEAR</sup> war. He also introduced ~~many~~ lies into international politics. His inteperate outbursts are no credit to the USA.

I will surely mention something about the USSR. Before then, let me say that in Reagan's first inaugural speech, he was all out for the USSR. And often said he would force the Soviet Union to the conference table. Before the end of his first term, he changed from "force" to "convince". By his second coming he has again changed to "invite"

I first met people from the Soviet Union in 1958 in Brussels during the EXPO '58 which was the first exhibition that brought the East and the West together. It was purely business interest that took me there.

I had worked under a big British company for about a decade before I quit in 1951 to start business on my own. By that 1958, I had established very good business connections with some companies in Britain exporting animal bye products, sheanuts, gum arabic etc. I knew a good company I was exporting scrap metals to in Brussels. In fact they arranged accommodation for me which I paid for of course.

For the two or three weeks I spent in Brussels, I was always in the EXPO '58 site moving from one pavilion to another, taking their different meals and exploring possibility of striking business deal.

The USA and USSR pavilions attracted my attention most. From the USA pavilion I got some addresses which resulted in my shipping cow horns to a US company for about two years. I got an offer of 5,000 tons of cement from a Soviet Union company by far cheaper than any I had heard of.



For nationalist reasons, I was more interested in Export which I did for about thirty years until I quit business life in disgust three years ago. I decided to accept the cement offer as I saw it would give me good profit and therefore boost my export lines.

Apart from a Nigerian student who came with his white colleagues from London, I did not see any Nigerian in the EXPO '58 until I left Brussels. And there was no Nigerian Pavilion. She only appeared on a rotating poster in the British Pavilion with groundnut pyramids at the back ground.

When I returned home I discovered that I required import licence to get the cement whereas no import licence was required to import from all other western countries. I put in the application as directed, but it was politely rejected without any reason.

Details of all other things that happened when I applied again after we got our independence in 1960 will appear in a book I am trying to write. Not only that I was not given a licence, I soon heard that I had been listed as a communist.

The second time I met Soviet people was in Stockholm during a peace conference in 1961 December, I made a speech which contained what I believed from the bottom of my heart. The second day two persons from the Soviet peace movement called on me. They said they were very much impressed by my speech and asked whether I would like to visit Moscow. I replied that I did not have it in my plans and that I could not afford it.

They said I would be the guest of the Soviet Peace movement with all expenses paid. I agree to go. I was so impressed with all I saw in three weeks that I decided I must know more of this land that I have heard so much evil things about. I came back home and wrote my impressions in series in the leading nationalist Newspaper of that period.

Within ten years, I made several visits and knew ten of the fifteen Republics. I always made request of whom I wanted to meet and where and what I wanted to see. Many times I would dodge my guides and wander out on my own and mix freely with people. Language was an obstacle. But the universal language of gestures helped a lot.



The largest mass movement in the Soviet Union is the Peace Movement. It is all over the place.

I have been convinced since then that the Soviet people do not want war. The arms race is a great obstacle to their economic growth. But if there is war, it will be known as patriotic war and they will fight and die for that.

I am writing this before the summit meeting between President Reagan and Mr. Gorbachev.

I am not optimistic about the outcome. We should no longer entrust the destiny of the world in the hands of two countries and their two leaders-Reagan and Gorbachev.

We should not allow some individual interests to plunge the world into destruction. The world belongs to all human beings. We must find a way of tapping the vast resources for the benefit of man and remove the desire to dominate and the fear of domination.

It took the USA sixteen years from 1917 to recognise the USSR. It waited and built a huge amount of ill will for thirty years to realise that mainland china (People's Republic of China) should take its place in the United Nations. It fought the Vietnamese for thirty years and lost a lot of goodwill. To the US, Cuba since 1959 does not exist. Nicaragua must be toppled. Angola must not stand on its two feet, and must not be recognised because Cuban troops are invited there. Namibia must not be free because Cuban troops are in Angola- NOT IN NAMIBIA.

I made many American friends during my trips to the USSR. They came in as tourists, visitors, musicians and so on and so forth. Of particular interest was a young musician who gave me his picture when we were parting and wrote the following at the back:

"To my dear friend - Curtis. I have so enjoyed meeting you, and I truly hope our paths will cross again. May you always follow the truth whenever it leads you. And may you have peace in your mind and in your soul.

An embrace. Dean Read"

It was in Moscow in April 1966.



There was a businessman with whom I exchanged letters regularly until the Nigerian civil war broke out.

Most of those I met expressed surprise at all the bad things they heard about the Soviet Union in the US and what they actually saw on their visit. I don't say it is all paradise there.

With so many Americans visiting the Soviet Union (I understand they still go) why was it a sin for Daniel Ortega, the head of an independent state of Nicaragua, to go to Moscow?

I have visited all countries in Europe-East and West- except Albania and Norway. I have the greatest number of friends in Britain. They all respect me for my independence of mind and honesty in my business dealings.

Most people in Europe and all over the world are aware of the Western countries desire to continue exploiting third world countries. Any country planning a nationalist form of economy in the interest of its people must be toppled.

The US has not seen any real war on its soil apart from the war of independence and the civil war. That is why many people in Europe are very suspicious of its intentions in deploying so many weapons in Europe and other sensitive parts of the world. They think the US wants to keep theatres of war far away from its territory so that it can survive any war and control the world.

On the part of the USSR, when the Bolsheviks led revolution succeeded in 1917, fourteen European countries intervened to overthrow the new Government. But they failed.

The Czarist Government was with the Western countries in the 1st world war, but the new Government opted out of it by calling it imperialist war. They were isolated and denied recognition. It was in 1933 that the US recognised it.

The Soviet Government, to avoid war, signed a Peace Treaty with Hitler's Germany. But Germany launched a serious unprovoked surprise attack on the Soviet Union which later lost about twenty million human souls in the 2nd World War.



Is the Soviet Union wrong to be on the alert and be suspicious of Reagan America which is now ready to support the revival of Nazism so long as it will be an ally against the Soviet Union?

In many international conferences I attended, it always came out that Soviet delegates agree in most points with the third world countries. This is happening in the United Nations, UNESCO and many other conferences.

The people of the United States should think seriously of why this should be so.

This is the period when the world must stick to the truth and explore ways of establishing a foundation for real peace in the world. We can have a world without wars if we seriously plan a world new economic order.

Let me, in this closing paragraphs of his humble appeal to the people of the United States of America, reproduce a portion of Dr. Runcie's sermon, part of which I quoted early:

"there is no retirement from the service of God, or from the struggle to establish his reign of love and justice upon earth. The organised life of groups and nations continues to be a struggle to dominate or to avoid domination. The dangers of this, at a time when our capacity for destruction is so immeasurably greater than it was in the Second World War, are obvious."

These are words of wisdom, words of love for human race, words that give warning of the consequences of any war now or in the future.

The scientists who have been busy producing weapons of destruction are an enslaved people. They are in bondage. The slave runners are the politicians. They should now be freed to divert their talents towards constructive transformation of the world through production of what can give food, shelter and clothing to all human beings.



The world was not created by man. Why do we want to destroy it? Life is beyond man's creation, but man has been destroying lives for centuries to sustain individuals, monarchies, Empires, colonies and economic interests.

Man created money. An Encyclopedia defines the primary function of money as "a medium of exchange so that cumbersome and time-consuming barter transactions can be avoided."

All religions agree that man is created by God. Atheists say man is the supreme being on earth.

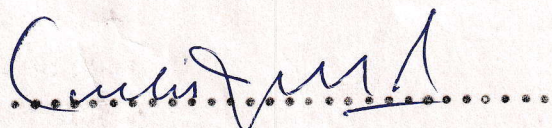
But money is now what is worshipped. It is what is used to produce weapons to destroy the world and human beings.

Reagan dreams of a greater America building a new empire over which hangs a nuclear shadow as blackmail to force every nation to obedience. The only obstacle to this ambition is the Soviet Union which should be forced to join in sharing the third world countries into spheres of economic interests.

The alternative to this is war - a nuclear war. And an end to the world.

This must be stopped. And the Americans must lead the way.

We can establish a world of love and Justice - A WORLD WITH NO MORE WARS.



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