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It should be placed firmly on the record now that the Afro-Asian bloc which dillydallied on parliamentary procedure while the Russians were exploding enough A-bombs to challenge Babe Ruth's record have now attempted to make the testing of atomic weapons naughty in the extreme as soon as America's intention to test became implicit.

This is fact. There is no way to disavow or explain it.

This tells us where we sit with our little black and brown brothers. On the wrong side of the fence.

This also tells us what has happened to that inspired clam-bake, the United Nations. We have degenerated a lofty ideal by the inclusion of raggedy-seat nations whose vote is equal to nations of ancient standing, parliamentary savoir faire, and liability to taxes and law and order. We have enfranchised incompetents, and if anybody wants to start me an argument, I will cite Outer Mongolia and Mauritania as equal to Great Britain in the voting in the General Assembly of the United Nations.

## EVERYONE IS 'EQUAL'

Here is where you sort the men from the boys; here is where you define the major membership of the Afro-Asian bloc as a bunch of fresh-fledged politicians in search of work for idle hands to misdo. Here is where you learn that Outer Mongolia, Togoland and Ghana have as much to say as America or France or Russia or Britain.

Here is where you learn that we have given the world to selfish children to kick about like a football.

The kind of people who make up the majority of the United Nations General Assembly today are as competent in world affairs as Kenya's Tom Mboya, who takes time off from his harassed unfreed country to try to foment a European strike as a boycott against South Africa, a nation of which he disapproves while being unable to count his own hands in his own country. Kenya is not a member of the United Nations yet; they will roll out the red carpet for that next year—and possibly sacrifice a couple of goats on the carpet.

It is a terrible thing to be forced to approve of Russian disapproval, especially when the Russians are tilling one side of the atomic field and we are desperately hoeing the other. But in the case of moratorium for nuclear testing, we found ourselves strangely bedded with the Kremlin; even Russian cynicism cavil-

led at the Afro-Asian planned naivete. Even a Russian stomach has its limitations when you are dealing in the major league aspects of world destruction.

The people who saw the United Nations as man's last best hope are going to have to face one fact: We are hip-deep in midgets in the United Nations, and the world can very easily be nibbled to death by guppies, if the midgets and the guppies constitute a majority.

I cite such membership as Liberia, with the worst record of any African country save Ethiopia, despite its long experiment in democracy. I cite Haiti, as an island whose democracy started in 1804, and which has gone nowhere except backward even though subsidized. I cite Ghana, which has less than the population of New York City, and—mirabile dictu—is even more corrupt. I cite Ghana again, which is trying to steal Togoland, a theft of dubious worth at best. Both Ghana and Togoland are members—with votes that count as much as America's—of the General Assembly.

## HOW ABOUT ETHIOPIA?

When all the little members of the Afro-Asian bloc stand up and scream about imperialism and colonialism, I offer Haile Selassie, King Emperor, Lion of Judah, for your inspection. His wife owns most of the real estate, including the best hotel, in Addis Ababa. Slaves work his gold mines, and he flies the gold bars out to Switzerland once or twice a week on his own airline. He cannot stray far afield in his own country, for the Habash don't care for him. He was a minor Ras—a count—and actually created himself emperor. He went violently left, falling lock, stock and morals into Russian arms, because America didn't give him enough money to buy enough arms to knock off Somalia.

The Lion of Judah—a rather pleasant old boy, at that, if you don't stumble over his pet lions and remember to bow backward when you leave him—is a member of the United Nations. His country has been free for three thousand years, still has slaves, has wild tribes which emasculate strangers as portion to marital worthiness, makes its money out of undomesticated coffee, owns a lower literacy even than Liberia, and has an equal vote in the United Nations. And the United Nations speaks learnedly of the atom bomb, when some of the members never invented a plow.