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The Vice President
The Capitol
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Dear Mr. Vice President:

I have read the report of your recent trip to Africa with considerable interest.

Some of the recommendations you have made such as those dealing with caliber of personnel, program reviews and the necessity for assigning higher priority to Africa are of particular pertinence to this Agency. I want you to know that we are taking steps to follow your recommendations in all instances wherein they have application to the work of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Respectfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Text of Vice President Nixon's Report to the President on His African Trip

Special to The New York Times
WASHINGTON, April 6—
Following is the text of Vice President Richard M. Nixon's report to President Eisenhower on his recent trip to Africa.

On the basis of my visits to Morocco, Ghana, Liberia, Uganda, Ethiopia, Sudan, Libya, Italy and Tunisia, from Feb. 28 to March 21, I submit the following observations and recommendations:

No one can travel in Africa, even briefly as I did, without gaining the tremendous poignancy of this great continent. Africa is the most rapidly changing area in the world today. The course of its development, as its people continue to emerge from a colonial status and assume the responsibilities of independence and self-government, will prove to be a decisive factor in the conflict between the forces of freedom and international communism.

The leaders and peoples of the countries I visited in Africa have many things in common. They cherish their independence, which most of them have only recently acquired, and are determined to protect it against any form of domination. They are rightfully eager to recognize from us and others of their own people the equality of all individuals and peoples in the family of nations. They are determined to progress for their economic progress for their undeveloped economies.

The great question which is presented to the leaders of Africa is whether they can attain these justifiable objectives and at the same time maintain and develop the institutions which are based on principles of freedom and democracy.

Future of Africa Noted
I believe they are convinced that they can, and that the freeword has a vital interest in assisting them to do so. For the success or failure of these new members of the family of nations will realize their aspirations in this manner will have profound effects upon the development of Africa and on the world in the years to come.

Herein lies the wider significance of the emergence of the new nation of Ghana. The eye of the people of Africa is on the Sahara and Western Europe particularly, will be upon this new state to see whether the orderly transition which has taken place from dependent to independent status, and whether the retention of close ties on a basis of equality with the British Commonwealth, will continue to work successfully, and thereby present a favorable example of possible application in other cases.

By the same token, initial steps are being taken to see whether any openings present themselves for a transition to a manner which would enable them to disrupt and destroy the independence which Ghana seeks to achieve.

Now is this situation peculiar to Ghana. The same factors are present everywhere among the independent states which I visited. Africa is emerging as one of the great forces in the world today.

U. S. Must Understand Africa
In a world in which, because of advances in technology, the influence of ideas and principles is becoming increasingly important in the battle for men's minds, we in the United States must come to know, to understand and to find common ground with the peoples of this great continent.

It is in this context that the recommendations in this report, together with others previously made to the appropriate government agencies, are presented.

Africa is producing great leaders, dedicated to the principles of independence, world responsibility and the welfare of their peoples. Such men as the Sultan of Morocco, Prime Minister Nkrumah of Ghana, President Tubman of Liberia, the Emperor of Ethiopia, and Prime Ministers Abdull Khalil of the Sudan, Ben Halim of Libya and Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia certainly compare most favorably with the great leaders of the world.

Nor should one omit King Idris of Libya, whom I unfortunately missed seeing on this trip because of an engine failure, but whose wisdom and statesmanship I remember most vividly from my previous trip to that country in 1953. These are all men who command respect beyond the borders of their own country. They are backed up by other equally dedicated leaders who have much to contribute both to the problems of their own countries and to those which plague the world today.

Exchange of Ideas Needed
The United States must come to know these leaders better, to understand their hopes and aspirations and to support them in their plans and programs for strengthening their own nations and contributing to world peace and stability.

To this end, we must encourage the greatest possible interchange of persons and ideas with the leaders and peoples of these countries. We must assure the strongest possible diplomatic and consular representation to these countries and stand ready to consult these countries on all matters affecting their interests and ours.

There is no area in the world today in which the prestige of the United States is more uniformly high than in the countries which I visited on this trip. The President is respected as the acknowledged leader of the free world. There is a most en-

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NORWALK IS DIVIDED OVER SCHOOL BUDGET

Special to The New York Times
NORWALK, Conn., April 6—A wrangle between the Board of Education and the Board of Finance over the 1957-58 school budget loomed today. The budget, which was submitted to City Controller yesterday, did not list the names of individual teachers and their salaries. The lack of this information led to threats that the city might be compelled to obtain it forcibly.

The school board voted last year not to list individual teacher salaries in future budgets, its contention being that teachers were professional people and their salaries should not be argued at open hearings before city officials.

One member of the Board of Finance said he wanted to know more about what she termed a "hidden military bonus" some teachers were getting. Some members of the Board of Finance said they could study the budget more intelligently if the teachers' names and salaries were listed.

Bernard Newman, City Controller, said the Board of Finance would order him to go to the Board of Education and get the data, even though it was necessary for him to go through the school board's files. Mr. Newman said the city charter gave him this right.

Gold Output Sets Record
South Africa's gold production reached a record 16,000,000 fine ounces in 1956 valued at \$560,000,000.