

FROM MADAGASCAR to the Malagasy Rep., by
R.K. Kent, Praeger, '62

4 parties formed in 1946: (1) MDRM -- Mouvement Democratique de la Renovation Malgache moderate for ind., but affiliate (JN) Jeunesse Nationaliste & PANAMA) Parti Nationaliste Malgache rep'g. "extremists".
maj. party rep'g. main tribe, Merina, but quite militant
(2) Parti des Desjerotes Malgaches (FADSEM) rep'g. "coastal interests", descendants of underprivileged classes, Talarondahy (royal serfs) "disinherited" by Merina upper classes, led by son of an ex-Mndevo, Rambason. Newspaper, Voronahary. Bird of Prey.
(3) (PDM. Parti Democratique Malgache), intellectual party of upper Merina opposed to both above & asking not for ind. but UN trusteeship
(4) (MSM) Mouvement Social Malgache, Catholic counterpart of PDM.

Elections went heavily for MDRM.

Ch. 6, pp. 95-112, THE REVOLT OF 1947, 3/29/30 began; main revolt crushed June-July but rebel pockets remained all the way till end of '48. (Gunther's "Inside Afr" has a page on it, p. 601, (OF. A MARXIST ACC'T. P. BOITEAU; CONTRIBUTIONNA L'HISTOIRE DE LA NATION MALGACHE (Paris 1958) p. 224.

1% of entire population perished in this Fr. massacre. "Madagascar's 35-40% literacy compared favorably with the Congo."

THE UNFINISHED REVOLUTION By Adam B. Ulem, '60

p. 5: "But that knowledge is in itself a form of action (the notion Marxism inherited from ancient phil.) is perhaps the least debatable Marxist tenet."

p. 7: "****" Many societies reaching for ind. & modernization has its Marxist per., when some of the ideas of Mx are relevant to the problems & are reflected in everyday sentiments of the masses of people, even tho' the name of Marx & his movement may be unknown to them. Hence the attraction for Mxism & the quasi-Mxist character of social protest in many areas of the world... Hence the quasi-stubborn character of the appeal of Mxism to the intellectual & scientist as well as the masses in a society undergoing ind. For Mxism comes to them not entirely as a new argument, which coordinates & brings together their own ideas & sentiments... To use an analogy from physics, science has learned to produce in the laboratory elements found in nature."

p. 187: "Before 1917, he (VII) could believe that he was a good social-democrat, with equal emphasis on both sides of the hyphen. In 1917, he became, for all purposes, an exponent of anarchism. All this time, his belief in the canon of Marxism remained undisturbed. This quality, which becomes inherent in C-ism, cannot be traced exclusively to personal characteristics. It is the product of thorough immersion in Mxism under conditions of society where the logic & the conclusions of the doctrine are not shown to be mutually contradictory. In 1917, without the slightest hesitation or introspection, Lenin was to grasp that altho the letter of Mxism incl. dem. & ordains soc. to proceed from advanced cap., the spirit of rev. Mxism is the exploitation of the anarchism inherent in backwardness."

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"For int. politics, the practical consequence of this view of Mxism--to recognize it frankly--is that it is the natural ideology of underdev'd. societies in today's world that is contrast to it, liberalism as practiced & preached in the W. ..."(p. 286) The failure of Mxism in Eng. was occasioned not only by factors specific to Eng. pol. culture, but also & mainly by the rise in the standard of living of the working classes & the middle classes that inoculated Eng. society with values of ind... Perhaps we should become Mxist to the point at which we recognize that there is more than mumbo jumbo in the hackneyed phrase about "the underlying social & eco. forces!"