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Fate of Africa depends on S.A., he says

THE fate of Africa depended on South Africa, particularly in view of the dwindling influence of France, Britain and the United States, Dr. William Close, American surgeon who is medical director to the Congolese Army, said in Cape Town to-day.

Dr. Close, who is also a prominent member of Moral Rearmament, was addressing members of the Rotary Club of Cape Town on 'Africa's Challenge.'

He said that the challenge Africa presented to the West was a human challenge. The biggest challenge was ideological.

'By that I mean there is a challenge for us so-called Western Christians to so live 24 hours a day that an African can point and say: "I would like the money that man has, the knowledge in his brain; but above all I would like to know more about the philosophy of life and aims of that man — because what he lives for is what I want for my family and my country."'

'The fate of Africa depends on South Africa. France, Britain and

the United States cannot be counted on.

'Either South Africa will stay on the defensive and — expecting the worst — will become more and more isolated, or South Africa will go on the offensive to win the hearts and the confidence of sound African leadership.

'How you do it is up to you but do it you must — not only for your own survival but also for the preservation of freedom on this continent.

'It is not the black terror up north which you should fear, but the yellow tyranny that exploits hate and fear to make men captives of their ideology.'

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