

conditions, or how soon he will be convinced that the philosophy that suited the peasants of the Volga banks cannot be applied to the Gulf of Guinea, is a matter of conjecture but to suggest that he will deliver the Gulf of Guinea to the, Kremlin is as ridiculous as it is fantastic.

UNNECESSARY CRY

The British Government is very ready to raise a cry of the red bogey real or imaginary.

The Zinoviev letter was not the first, though it was the most widely known. Last year the Foreign Office gave its blessing to Protocol M which was an alleged secret instruction from quarters to the Germans in the Western Zone of occupation to paralyse the administration. Like all others before it, this one was also exploded as mere delusion. Nearer home, some Nigerians still remember a statement by a high Government official that the women riot at Aba and elsewhere in 1929 was inspired from Moscow. It would be better to get at the root cause of the problem in the colonies rather than make unsuccessful attempt to find a scapegoat.

WHY THE CAMPAIGN?

The people of the Gold Coast, who cannot be accused of being emotional, had started to complain of bad conditions and had voiced their dissatisfaction within the political and economic condition of their country, even when Mr Nkruma was in London. The Gold Coast Convention was formed in his absence; he was only invited to be its Secretary-General. One fails to see therefore any justification for the Commission of Inquiry's view that the policy of the Convention tends to be that of its secretary. One is bound to ask, "Was there no policy when the Convention was formed, until Mr Nkruma arrived from England? This anti-Communist crusade should stop as it lends reality to the suspicion among some people that the ghost of Goebbels moves about in Whitehall.

THE WAY OUT

Mr. Creech Jones and Mr. Rees Williams know that. Unfortunately their plans are hampered by some reactionary officials in the colonies who are still mentally refighting the Battle of Plassey, and cannot recognise the march of time. Those in whose care the destiny of the colonial people is entrusted should do well to remember that since 1939 the wind of freedom has been blowing and

has reached West Africa. If the grievances of the people are not attended to in time, there will be troubles; it will be of no effect to obscure the issue by accusing communists because they lead or exploit the discontent. All political parties do that.

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