

From Dr. Robert John  
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H.E. The Sultan of the Maldive Islands,  
Male.

Your Excellency,

In the British House of Commons on January 20, 1959, Mr. Macmillan stated in a debate on Germany that a country could not be said to be free if it was unable to follow the foreign policy it chose.

I agree with that statement. But the British government has a different standard when it comes to the Maldive islands or Malts. And that denial of freedom I will denounce.

In 1957, I left Britain and the Conservative Party, of which I had been an elected divisional chairman, because of its Cyprus and Suez policies. I left the British Labour Party in 1946 because it supported reparations and Potsdam-Yalta. I am not a member of any party or group. I am an agitator and potential organiser for freedom.

Here in New York, I live near the United Nations and am familiar with its operations and with members of missions. A friend of mine, who is a British Member of Parliament, is coming here next month and will spend some time with me (Mr. J. Howard, Test Division of Southampton).

If there is anything that I can do here in the interests of freedom as it concerns the Maldivian people, please consider me a volunteer.

Truly,

Robert John.  
