

'Freedom, or fight'

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LONDON, Wednesday.

IF a peaceful solution was not found in South Africa, Africans would fight for their freedom Dr. Nyerere, President of Tanganyika, said here today.

"If we do not find a peaceful solution our brethren in South Africa have absolutely no choice but to die for it and we shall help them the best way we can," he said.

Asked if he was speaking for Tanganyika or for Africans generally, he said: "If the choice is to help our brothers to fight to freedom I cannot imagine any African country disagreeing."

Dr. Nyerere said the situation over Portuguese colonies in Africa was nearing danger point and where Mozambique was concerned Tanganyika was faced with a similar problem to that of India with regard to the Portuguese colony of Goa.

Referring to the Portuguese territories of Angola and Mozambique he said he was trying to get the capitals of the world to influence Portugal to regard these territories as colonies with a right to self-determination — not as part of Portugal and a Portuguese internal issue.

He was trying to get the United States, Britain, France and West Germany to realise that if the attitude of Portugal "forced us to fight our way to independence" it was not a Nato problem but one of self-determination.

"We are not challenging the existence of the White man on the African continent" he said. "But if the White man wants to remain in Africa to dominate, then we are left with no choice but to fight."