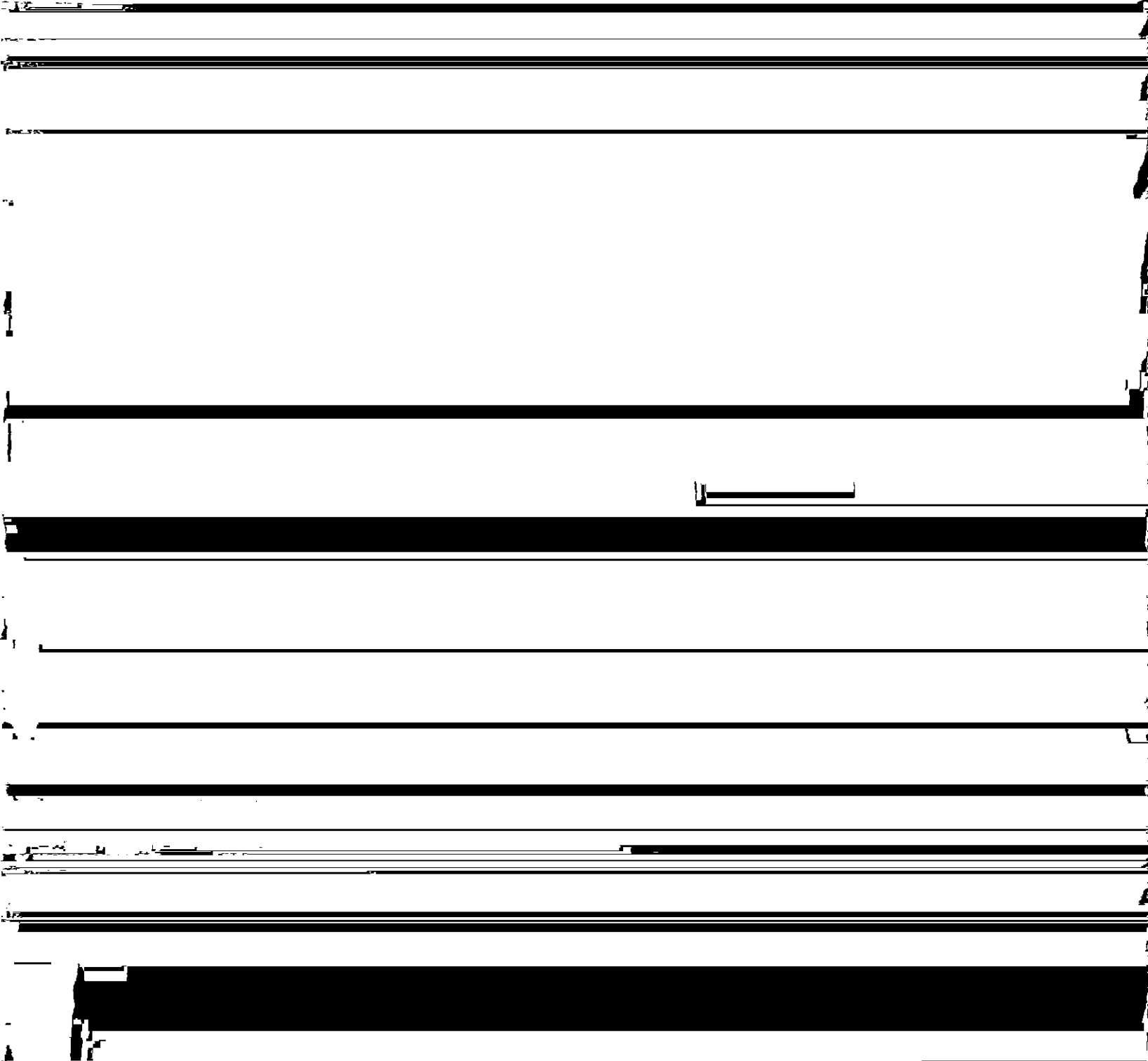


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Speech Delivered by the Hon. Jas. Ross, M.D.



Gazette on the 10 October, the day it came into operation and created the newly decolonised nation, Fiji.

One new feature in our present Constitution is that Her Majesty is a part of the Government of Gibraltar, as the Head of State of our country.

Article 30 of the 1970 Independence Constitution of Fiji, in similar fashion, provided

Her Majesty shall be the Queen of Fiji and shall be the Head of State of that country.



C24 did not accept Spain's argument then and has never accepted it since. The committee acknowledged that there was a dispute between the UK and Spain and suggested they should try to resolve their differences, but declared at the same time that the decolonisation Resolution was fully applicable both to the territory and to the people of Gibraltar. There is only one way that it can be fully applicable and that is, if the people, and only the people, determine the future of the territory.

Spain accepts Gibraltar is a colonial territory but claims we are not a colonial people and therefore we are not able to exercise our free will in choosing the decolonisation options identified by the UK. The argument for that is that we are not a colonial people



The realization that...

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These seminars were created to listen to the aspirations, wishes and views of the peoples of the non-self-governing territories. Yet every year Spain comes here to tell the seminar that we have no international rights and no country that we can call our own. They ask you to support their absurd distortion of international law claiming that the 1960's prohibition on the disruption of the territorial integrity of an existing



in each one of the listed territories: nothing else has anything to do with the work of

the Special Committee.

Spain seeks the support of the UN not to promote decentralization but to reverse it