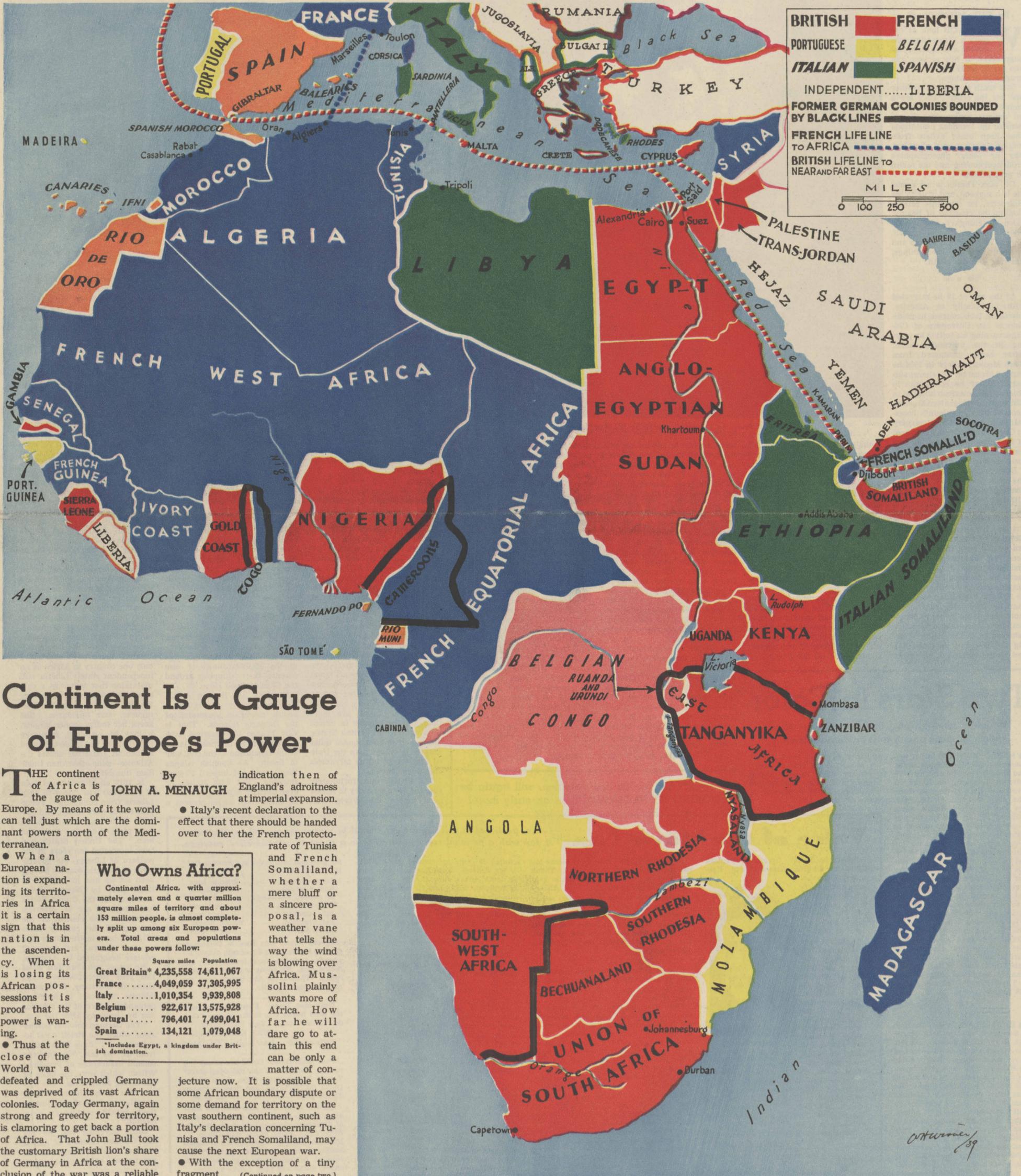


Africa - Where Might Is Right!



Continent Is a Gauge of Europe's Power

THE continent of Africa is the gauge of Europe. By means of it the world can tell just which are the dominant powers north of the Mediterranean.

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indication then of England's adroitness at imperial expansion.

● When a European nation is expanding its territories in Africa it is a certain sign that this nation is in the ascendancy. When it is losing its African possessions it is proof that its power is waning.

● Thus at the close of the World war a defeated and crippled Germany was deprived of its vast African colonies. Today Germany, again strong and greedy for territory, is clamoring to get back a portion of Africa. That John Bull took the customary British lion's share of Germany in Africa at the conclusion of the war was a reliable

● Italy's recent declaration to the effect that there should be handed over to her the French protectorate of Tunisia and French Somaliland, whether a mere bluff or a sincere proposal, is a weather vane that tells the way the wind is blowing over Africa. Mussolini plainly wants more of Africa. How far he will dare go to attain this end can be only a matter of conjecture now. It is possible that some African boundary dispute or some demand for territory on the vast southern continent, such as Italy's declaration concerning Tunisia and French Somaliland, may cause the next European war.

● With the exception of a tiny fragment

Who Owns Africa?

Continental Africa, with approximately eleven and a quarter million square miles of territory and about 153 million people, is almost completely split up among six European powers. Total areas and populations under these powers follow:

	Square miles	Population
Great Britain*	4,235,558	74,611,067
France	4,049,059	37,305,995
Italy	1,010,354	9,939,808
Belgium	922,617	13,575,928
Portugal	796,401	7,499,041
Spain	134,121	1,079,048

*Includes Egypt, a kingdom under British domination.

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