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CULTURAL ALIENATION

"CYPRIOTS DEFEND THEIR DIALECT LIKE AJAXES"

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The oppression of the Cypriot language/dialect or the process of nativization of the Cypriots

The nativization of the Cypriots

To speak means to be in a position to use a certain syntax, to grasp the morphology of this or that language, but it means above all to assume a culture, to support the weight of a civilization...

Every colonized people-in other words, every people in whose soul an inferiority complex has been created by the death and burial of its local cultural originality-finds itself face to face with the language of the civilizing nation; that is, with the culture of the mother country. The colonized is elevated above his jungle status in proportion to his adoption of the mother country's cultural standards.

Frantz Fanon, Black skins, white masks

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