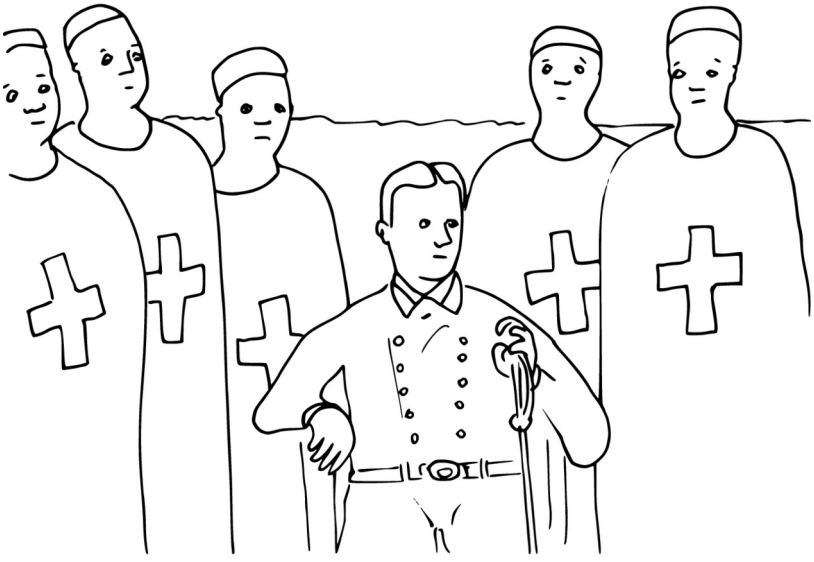


Fig.106 Illustration showing an admiral of a colonial power standing among a group of young natives. The latter were turned into his own cadets, making them his toys until they all got infected with diseases they had no immunity against. Those who survived where just bought back to their land and they inadvertently infected their tribes of origin.

Vulnerability Among the Natives of Lower Asia

Colonizers call natives "stripped of clothes" or "naked man". They call their land "Testicle Display Country" and have established "homes" in which natives are kept as "hostages" and are "laden with gifts and germs". Natives on the other hand have allowed "their bodies to be measured, their blood to be tested, their habits to be observed and photographed, their genealogies to be catalogued, their teeth and children to be counted, their hair to be collected" for scientific purposes but only to be designated as "chimpanzee-oid". Moreover, these men of science have disrupted the natives with the "provision of hundreds of coconuts and a thousand-odd bananas each month" which ultimately turned them into "raiders". By now new settlers see natives as a burden who only "take their rations and cook" without having to work. And with tourism natives have turned from "fearsome tigers to amusing monkeys" entreated with "goodies". Because of their black skin natives have been erroneously classified as "negritos" as if they were inferior version of black people of Africa. But keen observers have appreciated their "powerful and exuberantly healthy bodies". Years later however, with civilization encroaching, the "44-inch chests" of the natives have shrunk to "34 inches, and necks so thick that their heads would turn only with effort" now looks thin enough to be "encircled" by a fist (Mukerjee 2003).