

the only people who do not make mistakes are those who do nothing at all. It may be that the Americans are doing so much that they are making mistakes. It may be that we are making mistakes but we are not making mistakes because we want to.

QUESTION: Do you feel in this particular case they can be making a mistake?

ANSWER: I do not know I think it would be a mistake for me to try to recommend to my Parliament that we extend military aid because they would say we have gone just as far as we possibly could with the commitments that have already been made.

QUESTION: Is the impression in America, right or wrong, that Mr. Nehru is an unfriendly type?

ANSWER: I do not think there is an impression in America that Mr. Nehru is unfriendly. I know there is not in my country. I know, well, . . .

Questioner: I am not referring to Mr. Nehru's state.

Mr. St. Laurent: . . . there may be some in the United States but I do not think that would be the impression of any substantial portion of the American public. I know that there is in America high admiration for Mr. Nehru and for what he has been able to do and I know that there are Americans who deplore, as I deplore, that there were unfortunate comments for instance about the way the prisoner-of-war situation was handled in Korea. Well we know that there was a great service rendered by India to the whole free world, by taking on that responsibility and discharging it in the way it was discharged.

QUESTION: You said about the security pact and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization about the need to deter aggression. In India there is a feeling that Pakistan has committed aggression against India . . . In the light of United States aid there is a section of information here that says India should seek new friends to protect herself against aggression . . . Would you make any comments?

ANSWER: No, I think you had better make the comments yourself, Sir, you seem to know much more about the Asian situation than I do.

QUESTION: Are you convinced that American military assistance to Pakistan is not in any way directed against India?