

of these breaches of the Trade Agreement and of international comity, H.M. Government have shown a patience and forbearance which is probably without a parallel in international relations. As late as last February they renewed in the most solemn form their protest and warning. It is clear that neither have had any effect. Diplomatic relations when thus deliberately and systematically abused are themselves a danger to peace, and H.M. Government have therefore decided that, unless the House expresses its disapproval on Thursday, they will terminate the Trade Agreement requiring the withdrawal of the Trade Delegation and the Soviet Mission from London and recall the British Mission from Moscow.

The legitimate use of Arcos is unaffected by these decisions and H.M. Government are prepared, while terminating the privileges conferred by Articles 4, 5 and 6 of the Trade Agreement, to make all arrangements necessary for ordinary trade facilities between the two countries.

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