

What then, can we in the West do, and what must we not do, in meeting this new and serious challenge:

- (a) We must continue to supply, and even increase, economic and technical aid for the under-developed areas. We should not attach political strings to that aid of a kind which would neutralize its value and prevent its good reception. We cannot purchase reliable allies or real friends among the peoples we are co-operating with and helping, and we should not try to do so.
- (b) We should not in our wisdom urge our friends in the technically under-developed areas of the world to reject out of hand offers of aid from the Soviet bloc. They will themselves have to assess and avoid the political or economic perils which may be involved. We must count on the good sense of the leaders of these peoples to make the necessary distinction between the type of aid being given by the Western world and that offered by the Soviet bloc. We must by our own policies ensure that this distinction is not only clear, but in our favour.
- (c) We must not enter into any kind of auctioning competition with the Soviet bloc, attempting to match or to out-bid their offers, and so be drawn into enterprises which may not be in themselves desirable. We can never hope to heat the communists in promises.
- (d) It is also very important, I think, that the United Nations should be brought more closely into the international economic assistance picture; as has recently been suggested by the U.N. Secretary-General and others. This will be the best way of establishing the bona fides of those who wish to participate in this work.

I do not mean by this that all mutual assistance programmes should be administered by the United Nations. True, the present U.N. programmes are being effectively handled, without political or strategic considerations getting in the way, and they deserve more support than they are receiving. There are, however, things like the Colombo Plan, operated outside of, but within the spirit of the United Nations, which should be continued as they are.

What I would like to see is an agreement between all nations contributing to any form of international assistance that they would submit all their plans and policies in this