

"Under capitalism where the relationship is built on the principle of wolf to wolf; venality, hypocrisy, lying, deceit, cunning, treachery, bigotry...are the characteristics of the bourgeois representative."

What a foundation for good understanding! Possibly Mr. Vishinsky would put the author of that text book - who presumably wrote it under orders from the Soviet Government - in the same category of mad persons to which on Saturday he consigned the President of Tampa University.

But Mr. Vishinsky says we have nothing to fear from Soviet policy; that facts have proven its unswerving adherence to the cause of peace and international co-operation over the years; that we have nothing to fear from communist ideology, which rests on not only the possibility, but the necessity of the peaceful co-existence of the capitalist and communist systems. Because of this, Mr. Vishinsky argues that we should not be rearming. Therefore, as we insist on doing this, ipso facto, we have war-like aggressive aims. It's a simple thesis, but a completely false one.

When Mr. Vishinsky talks about the peaceful aims of communism and Soviet policy, we remain sceptical, and we find most of his evidence to support his case false and misleading. On our side, we have lots of concrete evidence to support the other view, of the aggressive, expansionist, war-like aims of Soviet and international communist policy.

But let the facts speak for themselves. Let the map of Eastern Europe speak, let the thousands of exiles from countries that have lost their freedom speak; certainly those that are dead and in Siberia cannot speak. Let the Soviet 170 divisions and 30,000 tanks speak, confronted as they are by the few half-armed divisions in Western Europe. Let Yugoslavia, which knows something of Soviet policy and methods, and peace appeals, speak!

There is no point in recapitulating here the evidence which, as we see it, disproves the legend of the peaceful, lamb-like character of Soviet foreign policy. I can assure the representatives of the Communist states that this policy has inspired a genuine and terrible fear of war in the people of non-Communist states throughout the world. If something can be done to remove that fear, or to prove by deeds, not by words, that it is unfounded, then a great and crushing weight of dread will have been lifted from our hearts and minds. Then and only then can we begin to beat our tanks into television sets, something that every taxpayer in every country is only too anxious to do.

Mr. Vishinsky also pours scorn on the idea, which we hold, that international communism could hold any danger for the rest of us. I hope he is right, but here again the balance of evidence is against him. We have seen in our own countries how the communist organizations slavishly and unswervingly follow the twists and turns of Soviet policy - even when they involve a double back somersault - in a way which makes Mr. Vishinsky's statement that the U.S.S.R. is not responsible for the Comintern or Cominform, as absurd to us as it must be to him. The best example, of course, is World War II. Until 1941, it was an unjust imperialist war and we who were fighting the Fascists were called the aggressors. Listen to what Molotov said in October 1939, in condemning the British and the French for continuing the war against Nazism: