

The third objective which I suggest has not changed is to weaken, divide and eventually destroy the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and drive the United States out of western Europe. How do they expect to achieve that? Well, there is the tactic of smiling away our fears so we will throw away our arms and our unity, to convince us that the Soviet Union is merely a country of footballers, fiddlers and flowers.

There is another tactic, and that is the Soviet attitude concerning Germany and its relationship to NATO. This is specifically shown in the Soviet attitude toward the unification of Germany, where it is now quite clear that they will refuse to consent to that unification except on their own terms. And what are those terms, at least at the present time? Mr. Khrushchec said it was withdrawal from NATO. He told me that on more than one occasion, but I suspect that he told me only half the story and that Mr. Molotov told the other half at the Geneva conference. It became clear as a result of the statements he made at that meeting that even a Germany out of NATO, even a Germany neutralized and disarmed, would not be enough as the price for unification. The present Russian position goes further than that, and I think we can take Mr. Molotov's words at face value when he said there will be no unification unless the social and economic benefits of the Germans of the East are preserved.

That means there will be no unification unless all of Germany goes communist, and that means there will be no free election. Surely that has now become clear, and I suggest we should keep it clear, so there will be no difficulty in understanding what the position is.

Now this policy of the Soviet Union in regard to Germany involves difficulties for the government and people of the Federal Republic of Germany. It is for that reason we all welcomed the searching examination which was given to that problem at the recent NATO council meeting. So we welcomed the assurance that was given last December by the foreign Minister of the Federal Republic that the present policy of that government had the overwhelming support of the German people; that notwithstanding—indeed, in a sense because of—the failure of the Geneva conference; that German opinion was steady and undecieved, that they now knew the Russian price for unification, and they would not have it on those terms.

It seems to me there is an awareness of this development even in the east itself—that is, Eastern Germany itself that may be one reason why last year 271,000 refugees fled from what is called by the communists the workers' paradise to Western Germany. It is true, of course, that the Soviet Government does try to misrepresent the situation.