

Your publics will then be able to make significant choices and see those choices translated into political reality.

There are, however, barriers to overcome. For example -- economic hardship.

The actual situation of the economies of Central and Eastern Europe is reserved for another item on our agenda, but here I wish to stress the mutual relationship between democracy and economic well-being and the fundamental contribution of both to lasting security.

In stressing this relationship we should recall that we already have the machinery for helping to advance democracy.

The Office for Free Elections which we created for this purpose can help to ensure that the will of the people, the only possible basis for legitimate government, is respected.

EUROPEAN SECURITY ARCHITECTURE

If the *foundation* of European security is democracy and economic well-being, its *architecture* is a complex supported by European and North American pillars.

This new architecture thus embraces all the countries of Europe and North America and all the issues that affect and contribute to their security.

The Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) is uniquely placed to provide the comprehensive, and pan-European and transatlantic framework to assure co-operative security for all its participating states.

Human rights, economic liberty, migration, social justice and equal security are all facets of a single stone.

THE INTERDISCIPLINARY MODEL OF SECURITY-BUILDING

The CSCE, with its comprehensive scope and mandate, recognizes that security and democratic values are indissolubly connected.

Security can no longer be defined in strictly traditional military terms. Challenges to security increasingly come in more diverse forms: economic underdevelopment, environmental degradation, political oppression, to mention a few.

While the CSCE is the framework, it cannot by itself assure European security.

A transformed NATO, with its enduring North American commitment to European security, continues to be a key factor in Europe's security and stability.