

national of the free scholars.

For this purpose we shall need the work of political scientists who will write about our institutions with both knowledge and faith. For a generation now the scholars of the Western World have been dissecting and analysing our society, until we know it with all the tearful intimacy that we know an onion when it is separated layer by layer before our eyes. But we shall need more than analysis to defend our ideas and institutions in a world where they are under constant attack by the fanatical advocates of an alternative system. We shall require the kind of insight which in a doctor makes it possible for him to discern the living tissue from the dead, to discard the latter, and to sustain and nourish what is living. Of this kind of constructive scholarship I can think of no more distinguished example than the studies in the field of international law made by Dr. Jessup, in his days as a working member of this Academy before he strayed off into the jungles of diplomacy (from which I hope he will be brought back alive!). I hope we shall have a great deal more writing of this kind from the whole company of scholars within the nations of the Atlantic Alliance, giving positive formulation to the ideas and beliefs which underlie our way of life.

The North Atlantic Treaty equally gives us the opportunity of taking the initiative in regard to social and economic questions. Throughout the discussions in Washington, the Canadian Government consistently held to the view that the treaty should encourage co-operation amongst the member states as a normal peacetime activity, particularly in economic and social fields. The permanent importance of the treaty will depend in large measure on the extent to which we are successful in using it to deepen and broaden economic and social co-operation amongst free democratic states, and to press forward toward economic and social justice amongst them. By showing that democracy can contribute more to the dignity and well-being of the citizen than communism can ever hope to do, we are making our best ultimate contribution to the defence, the "home defence", against communism. This, however, will not be effective if we rely exclusively on the building up of armed forces or if we allow ourselves to be frightened into reaction and repression. In every country the communists have two great allies, social and economic injustice on the one hand, and political reaction on the other. If we can destroy these allies and build up a strong, healthy, and progressive society on a democratic foundation, we can destroy communism. By achieving this we can take away from the communists the opportunity of representing themselves as the instruments of revolutionary progress. The hope for man's future lies with the free nations, and we must set about demonstrating this in real and practical terms.

The urgent necessity we are under to get on with the constructive work which lies to our hands has, I think, been well put in a recent editorial in The London Economist of March 12, which I should like to quote:

"The western powers are engaged at the moment on an arduous and in many ways perilous task. They are building for the first time in their joint histories a regional structure of security, political unity and economic co-operation. Its pillars are the Atlantic Pact, the Council for Europe and the various agencies of the "Marshall Plan". Almost every move in this effort of construction is new. Every fresh development demands a concentration of energy and purpose which it is difficult for democracies with their lax methods and easy-going traditions to sustain. Meanwhile, the Russians, who choose to see in the Atlantic world's regional effort a menace to the regionalisation of Eastern Europe they carried through at break-neck speed after the war, are now bent on using every device of propaganda and pressure to prevent the completion of the structure. As the western powers toil painfully up and down the scaffolding, the Russians and their satellites stand on the other side of the fence, jumping up and down, whistling, chanting slogans, flinging a few stones and every now and then, advancing to the foot of the ladder to ask whether the weary builders will not come down for a nice cup of tea and a chat. It is all rather disturbing and at times tempting. But the western builders have only one duty -- which is to get