

Fifth, our preparations to uphold vital interests in Berlin should not divert attention from the supreme task of responsible statesmanship, which is to reach agreement for an acceptable and just settlement with the Soviet Union. We should not expect to gain all our ends. Any final solution is bound to contain elements distasteful to the West as well as features unpalatable to the U.S.S.R. The nations of the West, sustained by the justice of their cause, are called upon to fashion stability out of turmoil and peace out of negotiation.

Sixth, we must not exclude the periculous possibility that negotiations can fail, and we must prepare accordingly to maintain strong defences.

Seventh, the U.S.S.R. is putting pressure on the neuralgic point of Berlin and probing Allied steadiness. At this crucial time there is need for solidarity, adherence to principle, courage and calmness of spirit.

Calm Resolution Essential

The crisis demands calm resolution without provocative hysteria. No leader in the West advocates a head-on collision. To do so would be insane and suicidal. In the Berlin situation lie the ingredients of mortal danger unless strength is joined with sanity and goodwill to preserve the peace and the right.

"The secret of freedom is a brave heart". It was true when Pericles uttered these words. It is true today.

The Western nations must stand ready to negotiate, but, if an atmosphere of threats and tensions prevails, negotiations will not be profitable. There would be a peaceful solution if the U.S.S.R. has no intention to change the social order in West Berlin; if it does not intend to cut the links between West Berlin and West Germany, or to attempt to impose a settlement in violation of fundamental democratic principles. The Soviet leaders say they have no such intention.

Problems of Outer Space

Urgency for international action on the use of outer space has been intensified by the decision of the U.S.S.R. of two days ago to resume tests of nuclear weapons. The U.S.S.R. has boasted that new bombs may be produced with a yield equivalent of 100 million tons of TNT, and that rockets similar to those used in orbital space flights by Russian astronauts can be used to deliver nuclear bombs to any point on the globe. These terror-laden declarations coupled with the earlier threats that platforms in space could be set up from which missiles could be launched emphasize the urgency of international agreement by the United Nations without delay.