

used for purposes of aggressive war. They know that the policies of the United States - though we may not always support them, or even approve them - are not designed to lead to war. If they were, they would soon isolate this country from the rest of the free world.

We judge the United States as it would wish to be judged, not by Mr. Vishinsky's press clippings, but by its actions, as indeed we will judge the policy of the U.S.S.R. when the United States withdraws its victorious forces from Korea as soon as peace has been restored. Will Mr. Vishinsky accept this fact as at least one piece of evidence that America is not trying to dominate the world?

We in Canada know this country and its people well. We know them as good neighbours who respect the rights of others; who don't ask for or get automatic support from smaller countries through pressure or threats or promises. We know that they accept the fact that co-operation between large and smaller countries can only exist on a basis of mutual confidence and mutual respect. If the Soviet government would permit its people to learn the truth about the United States instead of filling them with information only about the worst features of its life and culture, they would make a real contribution to the removal of that fear, which is at present being instilled, directly and deliberately, in the minds and hearts of the Soviet people. Mr. Vishinsky asks, "Have we no right to criticize western culture", and again, "We ask only the right to base our education on love for our own national culture and national dignity, the same as others. Slavish worship of other countries is not admissible". No one takes any exception to that, but slavish vilification of other countries is also not admissible, and we have much evidence that this is the foundation of Soviet education; it is one of the things that makes us fear Soviet policy most; it is one of the worst forms of warmongering, this implanting of fear and hatred of one people in the minds of another. Has the citizen of any Communist state the opportunity to get an unbiased picture of the western world; of its way of life, of what it tried to do in the defeat of Nazism, and what it tried to do in the relief and reconstruction of devastated areas after the war? Just one small example of what I mean, given because Mr. Vishinsky complained on Saturday that our evidence was old or out of date. The Polish delegation circulated a handsome illustrated booklet last week on the reconstruction and rebuilding of Warsaw, an achievement which is a magnificent tribute to the energy, zeal and devotion of the Polish people. This booklet, in its foreword, saw fit to mention what Russia had contributed to this rebuilding, but could not find room for one word about UNRRA, which had done so much fine work in Poland, made possible, largely, by the characteristic generosity of the people of this country. Incidentally, the booklet also referred to the Polish Government in exile in London during the war, which had under its authority those gallant Polish soldiers who fought so heroically alongside Canadians in Italy and in Western Europe, as "that criminal band of Polish reactionaries". This is only a minor example, but a very recent one, of the kind of vilification and distortion which brings despair to those who realize that there can be no peace as long as a great gulf of misunderstanding and suspicion exists between the two worlds. All that this kind of thing can do is widen the gulf and bring fear to those on our side of it, fear that this animosity which is being encouraged can only result in conflict. That fear is increased when we read that a primary school text book used in the U.S.S.R. has this to say - to children - about those who live under our system: