

where the great issues of peace could be discussed and the way prepared for a relaxation of tension in that most tense of continents -- Europe. This approach did not, of course, mean the abandonment of the physical means of security for the sake of a still hypothetical détente. One cannot hope -- or even wish -- to turn policy over as though it were a pancake. But change is in the nature of things -- the world will not stand still, given man's thirst of learning and his talent for technology. If we in the West have learned anything in these recent eventful years, it is that change is bad only if it occurs through violent convulsions and that the essential thing is to see that it is accomplished in a peaceful, progressive, orderly, step-by-step way.

At about the same time, the leadership in Eastern Europe, presented with the same facts, appeared to be coming to some of the same conclusions. There thus