

and twisting the purposes of education to ensure that a generation will be raised in ignorance and hate of any system of government or society except that which dominates them. We know also that, whatever they may say for outside consumption in order to deceive and confuse us, they believe that their system and ours are incompatible and one or the other must disappear. To attack our system by any means, including armed force, is not to them aggression - as Mr. Vishinsky once admitted at a United Nations Assembly in an unguarded moment.

Prussia was once called a state possessed by an army. In Russia a revolutionary conspiracy possesses an empire, and hopes to possess a world. To achieve its purpose this conspiracy will use any force, whether twisted idealism or frustrated ambition, whether fear or lust for conquest, which is willing to accept its sway and submit to it. Imperialism was dangerous enough when it was based on national power alone, but when it can use as its spearhead a world-wide subversive ideology, it becomes a menace greater than any that ever before faced those who would remain free.

The other centre of power, the United States, stands for something else; and something infinitely better. With that power centre are associated other free countries - including Canada - who realize that there can be no safety alone. But this is a coming together, voluntarily, of free states; a partnership based on mutual respect, and willing co-operation. This is no relationship of master and servant. Of course, the smaller members of the association are bound to be preoccupied by the strength, especially the atomic strength, of our giant leader and the way it might be used. It would be surprising if this were not so. But that preoccupation does not mean that we fear the fate that awaits any state that is dragooned into the Russian Communist group. The Americans, who respect other peoples' rights because they cherish their own, would not desire that, any more than we would tolerate it. As a well-known and thoughtful American commentator, Walter Lippman, has said:

"For our own sakes we must wish to live among equals, among peoples who trust us but do not fear us, who work with us but do not fawn upon us. Only equals can really be trusted, only governments that speak candidly and do not say what they think we want to hear, what they believe will keep the dollars flowing. There is no health in satellitism, and even the most ruthless imperialism can never trust the satellite."

Those are wise words and they explain the basic difference between our free world coalition and the chain gang of the Stalinist world.

Nevertheless, there are those who still worry about the danger of being crushed between the two giants. Especially are these worries evident in certain circles of Europe, in countries which have been bruised and battered by war after war, invaded and despoiled, whose only thought is to be left in peace to work out their own destinies in their own way. There is nothing that provokes such a shudder in the European mind as the spectre of invasion and liberation. Next time, they rightly surmise, there may be nothing but dust and chaos to liberate. Most of free Europe, however, also realizes that the best way of avoiding this result is