

Given that the situation in Berlin might improve, there would be other points of tension and difficulty. We shall only have a strike when the Soviet Government seeks the welfare of their people rather than the expansion of their power.

In short, the Soviet attitude since the end of the war has driven and as driving the Western democracies into the same kind of union to preserve the peace as was needed to win the war. It is a defensive union. No one of these countries has any aggressive intentions, and Russian intentions will not alter that fact.

There are no real obstacles. We must put them into effect.

First, there must be action on the political front as the countries concerned will consider their essential national objectives of security and recovery as well as their individual interests.

Second, there must be action on the economic front so that the countries concerned will work together for prosperity as well as for security and peace.

Third, there must be action on the military front so that there will be a concerted effort with unity of command, agreed strategy and planned use of resources.

We know that we want some of this work to be done, more as being done and more will be got under way. Our representatives have been in close consultation with the representatives of other nations as to what the role of each would be. Any instrument such as a North Atlantic Security Pact will be submitted to Parliament for its approval. We are making no commitments without the approval of Parliament. On the other hand we are planning our defence after consultation with others so that what we do will fit into any subsequent plan that may be arrived at after Parliament has given its approval to Atlantic Security.

On the speeches listed above, texts of those delivered in the House of Commons may be found in Hansard. Texts of all other speeches, including the one made in the House of Commons on April 29 by the Rt. Hon. Mr. ...
The text may be obtained from the Information Division, Department of External Affairs.

The following extracts have been published recently in the "External Affairs Bulletin":

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Text of Vandenberg Resolution
Text of Treaty of Brussels
Mr. St. Laurent's speech of June 11, 1948
Mr. St. Laurent's speech of June 24, 1948

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