

It requires no extensive research to enable one to come to the conclusion that things are not going well with the United Nations. The attitude of our Russian friends, though perhaps not surprising, has certainly been disappointing, one might almost say exasperating.

I have said that it was not surprising because it has been from the very first stubbornly consistent. At the International Conference, while the War was on, it appeared quite natural to Stalin that all the important decisions be made by himself, by Churchill and by Roosevelt. When Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt suggested a United Nations organization, Mr. Stalin agreed, but stipulated that the organization would have nothing to do with the peace terms to be imposed upon our former enemies and these terms would be determined by the foreign ministers of the big three, which might become the big four if France joined them. He also stipulated that the United Nations would only act through a Security Council and that no important decision in the Security Council could be made without the concurrence of his representatives i.e. that each of the big powers would have an absolute veto.

When the rest of us signed the United Nation Charter at San Francisco we had to accept these conditions and we did accept them after it had been stated by representatives of the big powers, in the presence of the Russian delegates, that no one of them would use his right of veto except in the interest of the United Nations as a whole. Since then, the Russian representatives have used it over twenty times and, as a consequence, they have made the Security Council practically unworkable as the main instrument of the United Nations to secure and maintain peace. That is apparently what they want and they are now waxing very indignant over what they call the efforts of the United States, the United Kingdom and the powers friendly to them to by pass the United Nations and get something accomplished in spite of their vetoes.

I say again that this is not surprising because we have long known that the attitude of the Russians is to insist that "no international question can be solved correctly and justly if an attempt is made to solve it without the Soviet Union, or against its interests". Now, it is perfectly clear that the Soviet Union wishes to see what it calls Capitalistic Regimes destroyed and Communistic Totalitarianism established everywhere.

It is also obvious that the physical destruction brought about by the war in Europe will result in the total collapse of European economies if some further substantial assistance is not forthcoming from the new world. The Russians feel that this collapse would facilitate the extension of their communistic regimes and they are, therefore, doing everything in their power to prevent the new world from extending any further assistance to Europe. That is one explanation of the vitriolic demagogy uttered by Mr. Vichinsky at Flushing Meadows a few days ago and it is one of the reasons why the Comintern has again raised its head on the European scene. There are communists in practically every country of continental Europe and in order to help them in their struggle for power and domination, it is felt useful to give them public encouragement. That should increase their self confidence and also their confidence in the prospects of success.

The line taken by Mr. Vichinsky at this assembly and echoed by the satellite slavic powers is by no means new. For months past, a Government controlled Press and Radio in the Soviet Union have been hammering out the theme that the United States is preparing to attack U.S.S.R. This propaganda has been carried on in an area fenced by the most powerful censorship and the most rigorous control of opinion which the world has ever known. It has been designed to create the stereotype of a gigantic and powerful capitalistic country bent upon destroying governments set up by the working classes and piling up atomic bombs for eventual use against Soviet Union at the most propitious time. The

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