

aggression. In this re-arming, the purpose of the North Atlantic alliance is not to prepare for war, but rather to avert war, by making it crystal clear that cheap victories by the Soviet Union and its satellites are no longer possible. We must, therefore, go forward steadily, in co-operation with our allies, to build up our strength, and then to use that strength, not to provoke conflict but to seek peace. If we can avoid comforting illusions and confusion, if we can show tenacity of purpose in re-arming, if at the same time we can be flexible enough to seize whatever opportunities there may be for negotiation, and finally, if our Peace coalition can stand steadily together, united against attempts to divide it, we can hope that peace will be preserved.

"The next war", Bertrand Russell has said, "if it comes, will be the greatest disaster that will have befallen the human race up to that moment. I can think of only one greater disaster: the extension of the Kremlin's power over the whole world. Whatever we do we shall be united, but it is better to be united in a common salvation than in a common death."

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