

generated by the failure of the concept in the Third World have had repercussions in the main theatre of East-West relations. We have come to understand that these relations cannot be governed by one set of rules in one part of the world, and quite a different set elsewhere.

Is there no way out? Some elements of what might constitute a desirable framework for East-West relations come to mind. The role of the super-powers must be acknowledged, but it cannot be exclusive. While détente, if it is to survive, must be accepted as indivisible, we will have to recognize that it has been interpreted in different ways by the countries that make up the Western and Eastern alliances, and is seen in different ways again by developing and non-aligned nations. This has been a fertile source of misunderstanding. Our preferred course is to exclude the developing world as an area of military rivalry between East and West. The alternative can only escalate tensions in a game in which there are no winners in the North or the South.

It is in the interest of the Third World that developing countries be immunized from East-West competition. That was what Tito and Nehru really sought in non-alignment; and the world can only hope that the non-aligned countries will see their movement return to its original principles.

The countries of the West must re-examine the conditions applying to their relationship with the U.S.S.R., with a view to promoting stability.

A militarily strong Alliance is fundamental to this goal.

We must also recognize that a basic understanding between the super-powers is a *sine qua non* of any such stabilization. In this sense, the super-powers themselves have to work toward reaffirming the best elements of arrangements which were worked out in the early years of the seventies between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.—when the “hot line” was installed, and the world could rely on a basic compatibility of interests between the two countries.

We are likely to face more crises that carry the risk, in the worst case, of confrontation between the super-powers. Moreover, an important proportion of these crises seem likely to arise in the