

never been a Communist revolution in Moscow. We cannot reverse these forces. We in the West ignore them at our peril.

Where communism has been able to take over these new forces, as in China, we should neither blind ourselves to the dangers of the situation by wishful thinking nor increase those dangers by rash and provocative policies. Furthermore, by associating counter-revolution - which can develop indigenously, as it has so often done before in China - with foreign intervention and foreign assistance, we may strengthen rather than weaken Communist regimes.

Finally, it is not enough to agree on basic principles of policy. We must apply them collectively. This can be done effectively only if there is close and continuous consultation, which means more than ad hoc meetings to reach last minute decisions in an atmosphere of crisis. On the one hand there must be wise, steady and patient leadership, not swayed by every gust of popular passion, and, on the other, loyal and firm support.

If we adopt and carry out these principles of policy and collective action, our grand alliance of free peoples will be able to meet the test of the difficulties that face it in Asia. We shall be able to show in peace, as we have in war, that there is a strength in the co-operation of free men that slave societies can never achieve.

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