

The declaration goes on to state that while the communist and other parties remain firm in their positions, manfully stand guard for democracy, national sovereignty, freedom and independence of their countries, no plans for the enslavement of Europe and Asia can be realized. Communists are told to bear in mind that between the desire of these Imperialists to unleash a new war, and the possibility of organizing such a war, there is a vast distance.

This may sound quite fantastic to you and to me as applied to the United States, to the United Kingdom and to ourselves, but it is put forward seriously to foster the development of communist ideology in our own countries and to support it in the countries where it is already that of the people in control of the instruments of government.

You and I know that no one in North America, and we hope that no one anywhere else, wants to unleash any more wars. We know that the instruments of mass destruction already in existence, or capable of being produced, and probably apt to become accessible to any armies or groups of armies that might be seeking military supremacy, are so terrible that their use might very well bring about the destruction of our civilization rather than give victory to any contender.

We know that this ranting about democracy under totalitarian regimes, in secret police ridden states, this high-pitched concern about national sovereignty threatened by United States imperialism, in the form of food for starving peoples and supplies indispensable to the restoration of the war devastated countries, are the really dangerous "liberal pacific masks calculated to deceive and catch people inexperienced in politics", and the only really dangerous ones. We are not envious of the brand of democracy that is said to prevail in these totalitarian secret police ridden states, and we do not feel too down-trodden under the kind of slavery that wicked capitalism has fastened upon the people of the United States of America or upon those whose standards of living are of a somewhat comparable level. Moreover, we think that our Soviet friends are making a mistake in their efforts to prevent the New World from extending further aid for the restoration of the economies of the war devastated regions of Europe and Asia, so that they also may get communist regimes.

They may believe and they may have reason to believe, that their economic system and their form of government are to be preferred to anything we have on this side of the Atlantic. But we have not yet to be convinced that their systems would suit us better than do our own, and until such time as there is no iron curtain between us, and all individuals are free to go and come in their country as we would like to see them go and come in ours and make comparisons from personal unfettered observations, we are apt to remain unconvinced. And unless and until we choose of our free and uncoerced wills to change our system, we do not wish to have theirs imposed upon us by force nor do we wish to see it imposed by force on any of our like-minded allies.

We are so naive as to take seriously the principles stated in the Charter that all members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, and that the Organization shall ensure that states which are not members of the United Nations shall act in accordance with these principles so far as may be necessary for the maintenance of international peace and security.

As an example of what I mean, we consider that when the territorial integrity and political independence of a state like Greece is threatened by rebellious forces said to be receiving encouragement and support from the communist governments of adjoining states, that is