

problems as we have, but they have problems of low living standards, they have people who have aspirations and we now live in an age of satellite communication and it ought to be possible have a far more effective public debate inside the Soviet Union through information that we ourselves can provide. This does not strike me as the right time, for example, to be reducing the budget of the BBC Overseas Broadcasting services, which is one of the cuts being made in public expenditure in Britain. I would have thought that we could in the course of arm twisting negotiations with the Soviet Union threaten that we would use the satellite systems that we have to spread much more information to the ordinary people of the Soviet Union but it's more difficult dealing with a country like the Soviet Union where the politicians are the generals. At least in our countries we have some balance between the demands of the military for ever increased expenditure and the political decisions which our treasuries then take, but, when the dialogue between us and the Soviet Union is barely non-existent, we have got to try and provide some of that.

And, third and last, I don't believe that Britain, Canada and the other NATO powers should leave all the dialogue with the Soviet Union to the United States. The actual negotiations being carried out by the United States on our behalf - well, that is right. But beyond the negotiations, there is a desperate need for much more political dialogue to try and reduce the atmosphere of mutual distrust and suspicion against which the actual hard negotiations are taking place. I find it astonishing that no Foreign Secretary in Britain, and no Prime Minister in Britain, has been to Moscow for serious political discussions for five years, and that seems to be entirely wrong. We have a new