

from my middle-of-the-road point of view a fantastic column, and I don't understand why News Week publishes it, but I always read it. Henry Hazlitt called for the abolition of what he likes to call the International Monetary Fund System. He has never come to the Fund to talk to us over these years. He had an appointment with me some years ago at his own instance and then cancelled it. He again says that Keynes is to blame for all this and that Keynes was in favor of total automaticity.

This isn't really true. We have again checked back to the Keynes prototype and to what he said and what he wrote into it, and strangely enough Keynes said very positively that the fund, as he saw it, should have the power to discipline countries and should have the power to insist that the countries change their exchange rates when that was the way to avoid continuing disequilibrium.

Now, I think this would disappoint Mr. Hazlitt, because this is, of course, what he wants countries to do, to change their exchange rates all the time, and then he also, in the last sentence of this article, gives one, final piece of advice--we must go back to the gold standard.

Well, this is a little pathetic, because the world isn't going to go back to anything, unfortunately. It may be that there were great golden things to do back somewhere, but the clock never gets turned back, as all of you know. Maybe some of you wish you could go back to the cavalry, which seemed to have been a very heroic and romantic thing, but I am sure none of you would really recommend that the thing to do