

has been launched. We must give it time. These things don't happen overnight. It's conceivable that before long some sort of a collective African voice will be heard and will place its weight on the scales of international policy.

Now, if America tries to combine along continental lines; if Africa follows suit; and if non-communist Asia tries to do the same thing - without much success thus far, but it's trying - and if the Communist World is organizing itself as a bloc, can what is left of Western Europe west of the Iron Curtain, afford to remain behind? I think, and many of us in Europe think, that the answer is no, obviously not. When you look at this map you realize the Iron Curtain goes something like this. And you realize what is left of Free Europe. This part is but a small part; it's merely the fringe of the Eurasian Continent. You might say it would be absurd and irresponsible if this little bit of Europe which has to fight for its life and maintenance were to try to continue to do so in the shape in which it is today.

17 or 18 separate small, or comparatively small nations, each trying to do his job individually instead of trying to combine and present the world with a more or less united Europe is the picture which evolves. Now, of course, the idea of European unification is not at all a new one. It has been tried throughout history many times. May I remind you of the Roman Empire that stretched as far as England and Scandinavia, and organized Europe to a certain extent, as a unit. After that, Charlemagne tried it. After that, the Spanish Hapsburg Kings tried it. After them, Louis the XIV of France tried it. Then Napoleon. Then the Emperor Wil-