

have abolished all the internal obstacles that there were, whereas, we are still living in terms of national frontiers, national tariff barriers etc., hindering economic development as it should be. So, today you are ahead of us. You are more powerful, you are richer, you can afford to do more things than we can. I don't know whether we can catch up soon enough to present ourselves as an equal in gross national product. But in any event, we could do more than we are doing today if we acted in intelligent cooperation.

That is one of the reasons why I believe, and many others in Europe also, that we should do this; we should work in the direction of becoming an equal partner of the United States. This is necessary for all sorts of reasons, and inevitable, I believe. Today the North Atlantic Treaty which tries to integrate at least our military interests, those of Europe and the United States, has achieved a certain amount of success. But it's a lopsided alliance for the simple reason that you are so much stronger than we are today with your nuclear arms which will pronounce the last word, which, if - God forbid - a Third World War should occur. You will give the last word because you have the weapons that today can produce the balance of power with the Communist World; the balance of terror, if you like.

But this produces this one pillar on which the uneasy peace of this world today rests. It is obvious that since you have this mightiest weapon, since you have a monopoly on this mightiest weapon in the decision-making among the Western World, the voice of the United States in fact, if not formally, weighs heavier than the voice of Europe. And for