

Today we are still thinking in terms of the old-fashioned alliance. Even the North Atlantic Treaty in a way is an old-fashioned alliance. It has been accepted by its members for the last 20 years. The treaty expires in 1969. It can, and probably will be renewed, of course. But each of us has the right to withdraw and say, "Well, after all, I prefer to go home and do it all by myself." So that, there is no security there, you see.

What strikes me - and now I'm talking as an individual - I'm not presenting anyone's opinion; not even that of my own government; perhaps they think as I do, but I don't know that and so this is just my own opinion - I think that if you want to create guarantees that people will stick together, you must try to develop the interests they have in common, and make the bonds that unite them, stronger and stronger and stronger. And you musn't do things that will separate this group of allied nations into various units, as some thinkers in Europe are now trying to do.

Those who think in terms of a third force in Europe, a third force, even, of Continental Europe without England; a force that would not be necessarily closely allied with the United States; a force that would be somewhere between the United States on one hand and the Soviet Bloc on the other hand, and be free and able to choose its position each time; I don't think that is the way to make the bonds so strong that nobody would have to feel that he could possibly withdraw.

And so, I believe very strongly in an Atlantic Community that would bind us so close together that we could, for instance, say - I don't believe that we will, but we could, perhaps - "Now, we are so closely bound