

Now, the question is, does that mean that we can't cooperate with them at all? No; the Common Market is open to the possibility of associate members. This means that you will commit yourself to part of the tasks and purposes of the Common Market. There is no reason to cut off Spain or Portugal in matters of tariffs or energy, or perhaps other things. But at the point that we want to organize Europe politically it's a different story naturally. I think we must keep our basic political philosophy in the Common Market pure and on the democratic side. We cannot compromise, I don't believe, with others who obviously do not share our ideals.

QUESTION: Mr. Ambassador, I've always been moved by the great sacrifices of the Dutch people during World War II in flooding their land with the sea in order to inhibit the movement of the Nazis. I wonder, sir, if you would discuss Holland's program of reclaiming land from the sea.

AMBASSADOR von BALLUSECK: Well, I don't know very much about it, practically speaking. What I do know is that we have already claimed the greater part of available water. The Zuider Zee, so-called, is now practically reclaimed. It has been turned into land, leaving a little water for transportation purposes, etc. We are now trying to do some more in the Southwestern part of the country, the Province of Zeeland, where the River Scout, that comes from France through Belgium and finds its estuary in our country, has formed sort of a delta.

We're closing off all but one of these sea arms that penetrate into the country, not so much for reasons of reclaiming land, because that