

Real disarmament can only come if you solve some of the most burning questions of these times. One of them, of course, is, will communism change its mind in that it would no longer wish to impose its philosophy and the political system attendant upon that philosophy on the whole world by means fair or foul? Until they do that, you will have to remain on guard throughout the world, because communism today is everywhere. On every front there is the threat; in Asia, Europe; and even in America today, and Africa also. So, I don't see very many chances for disarmament at short notice.

Small things such as the test ban agreement - yes, why not. Both parties have enough. It's not really necessary, perhaps, to have any more bombs than we have, so why not stop somewhere? The agreement on no arms in space; all right, I'm for it if it can ease tensions which, then, again, may produce new possibilities for further conversations; by all means do it. But before we can get into a really new situation which will effect the position of Europe, there are many things that must happen first.

Today there are theorists; you may have read Mr. Walter Lippman the day before yesterday in the Herald Tribune. He has a theory about DeGaulle. He thinks that DeGaulle's nuclear force was never meant to give France an independent security should something serious happen, but it would give him a chance to pull the trigger and force you to follow suit. I don't know how far this pictures the reality of the situation, but it's Mr. Lippman's theory and he is a very clever man and clever observer.

But before Europe is really able to say to you that we don't need you anymore; that we can do it ourselves; that we can face the Russians