

the Spanish kings did not serve us well, we cut our ties.

200 years later you did more or less the same thing, only in more sophisticated language. In the Declaration of Independence in 1776 you cut your allegiance to the British king and you presented the doctrine that all men are created equal, with certain inalienable rights, among which were life and liberty and the charming addition about the pursuit of happiness, which we appreciate, but we are not quite sure of what constitutes happiness in this world.

However, perhaps this is the real deep reason why today, facing the problems of our age and our world, we still think alike in some respects. In this respect I believe that no nation today, not even the strongest one, the United States of America, can go it alone. You need friends; you need allies, in order to be able to face the problems that are confronting you and us - and all of us; problems today of a diverse nature; the security problem, naturally, first and foremost; communism threatening what we hold dear in this world, with its Marxist-Leninist philosophy of leveling every nation and every human to the standards of Marxism-Leninism. And then, perhaps even the more complicated problem, the new states, the new world, the underdeveloped world; the newly-born nations which call themselves the "uncommitted ones."

These nations live under conditions that make them, if we don't do something about them, extremely vulnerable to very dangerous influences in this world.

I would like to quote the Commandant of this Institute, Admiral Rose, who, to my taste, made an excellent introduction to a book published,