

we hoped it would be in 1945 when we launched it, there would be no need, perhaps, for regional alliances. But, we must admit that in the primordial task of the United Nations, the maintenance of international peace and security, the United Nations has failed - and had to fail - because the highest political organization which began and should have been able to take care of this, the Security Council, was frustrated by the fact that the five permanent members of the council, the great powers of 1945 - the United States, England, France and China; China was a great power in 1945; Nationalist China was; it is no longer so; and the Soviet Union - since these five had veto power, they could therefore frustrate any major decision of the Security Council.

For that reason, the Security Council has not been able to fulfill its task of organizing an international police force that would be stronger than any national force which could have withstood any aggression from any quarter. It hasn't been able to do that; it hasn't been able to organize this instrument of collective international power in the military field. And so, there is no instrument today, no collective international instrument that can take over the task of protecting the peace and the security of the world, and of each nation individually.

And so, we have been driven to regional organizations such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. And since 1945 you've seen an acceleration of the movement in this new world - this post-war world - to organize nations more or less along continental lines. You in America have already begun at a much earlier stage.

The old Pan-American Union existed long before the Second World War; it's now called "The Organization of American States." It comprises prac-