

because it gives such a wrong impression of what the world is really like. But here is a map that shows where the Soviet Union lies with respect to Anglo-America, and also it shows it in its proper size. It's still big, the biggest area in the world. How come it's that big? It's not composed of one nation, it is not one people. It's no more one-people than Europe, and yet Europe is divided into all these little political divisions, scrapping with each other. Charlemagne tried to put Europe together and failed. The Holy Roman Empire tried to put it together. Nobody has ever succeeded in putting Europe together in one piece.

How come the Russians could do it? The Russians did it under the Czars. And this was a notably weak and inefficient government. They extended the control of the Russians all the way over there, and of course over as far as California. How could a weak, imperfect government like this put together so large an extent of territory into one political union and keep it this way?

Well, now, here is a case where some barriers come in. If there is any one word that characterizes the Soviet culture region it is isolation from the rest of the world. You don't see this on the map unless you know something more about the map than just what shows here. It looks as if the Soviet Union and China were very close together. They are not. They are very far apart.

What is it that determines whether there is a barrier between one country and another? Believe me, it's not mountains. It's not deserts.