

for making nylon stockings. It's very important for chemicals and for pharmaceuticals and as a raw material in industry, but not as a fuel, unless it is used locally. All economic geography based on coal resource has now to be reanalyzed in terms of this new technology which is just coming in, in the ^{oxygen} process of steel-making.

Well, I could go on with this at length. The prairies are another beautiful example of this, the great, black soil that lies west of Chicago. These things were of no use until the invention of barbed wire in 1873. After the invention of barbed wire, all of a sudden this vast agricultural area became a first-class land instead of a third-class land. There we were on the edge of it at that moment, ready to move settlers in. This is just the right place geographically for the lowest-cost development.

This has been the history of the United States. I could go on at great length about this, because the same thing applies in the South and other parts of the United States and Canada. We of course have had a built-in problem with respect to the democratic revolution in the United States, but no opposition in the Anglo-American region to the development of democracy. The opposition came as the result of the legacy of slavery. We have race problems in the United States which were added to this culture region and not inherent in it and which have to be solved. But, nevertheless, let's not overlook the fact that, in spite of the race problem, which we all recognize is serious, and in spite of the fact in swearing to uphold the Constitution we sometimes, in some