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Audience rise and applause

Monty at mike:

"Gentlemen, I would like first of all to say what a great honour it is to come here to speak to you who are people who influence millions. I influence nobody. You influence millions. And if I can tell you... I will be very glad to do it, so I thank you for your hospitality.

Since I have been in the States I have been invited to visit practically every drug store in America (laughter)..... come to the White House daily. I have been invited to visit a baseball team in America. I said that I understand the best place to be is Washington..... President and General Collins.... on the 13th April here in Washington which I have enjoyed very much. I haven't seen it before..... if I come here to talk to you I feel that I must give you something of value to yourselves. It is not good coming here and talking a lot of platitudes. So I will try and do that, and since you asked me I thought over very carefully what to talk about. And I have decided I would like to talk about 3 things: Firstly, what is the problem in the world today? Secondly, are we, the free nations, the free and democratic nations, properly organized to handle their problem? Though free now what are the risks, and thirdly what are the lines on which we should work if we want preparedness and economic security.... over a prolonged period. And I think it is a point which will become clear as we go along..... and I would like to speak on these points..... yours is one of them. And therefore I would like to say at the beginning I am going to speak very frankly today. Very frankly indeed, saying what I think. And I would like

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to say that I set forth personal responsibility for everything I may say today. Full personal responsibility I accept..... I suggest this talk should be completely on the record. When I have finished I will give my notes to the chairman, and what he does with them is nothing to do with me. (laughter) Now if that is alright by you, and if those three points would be good ones we will start.

~~What is the trouble in the world today.~~ I expect you can talk for 5 hours on that, and I am going to talk for 5 minutes -- the world is split by conflicting ideological doctrines } through this talk I would like to refer to these as the East and the West, the East and the West, and ~~the world background to the trouble is Communism.~~ Now let

us look at the East: the Communist East aims to eliminate all rival power groups and to establish a world order of states under its own legion. That is what I would say today. I haven't had the opportunity

recently ^{with} to the gentlemen in the Kremlin to ask ~~that~~ what are their short-term aims. I regret I haven't had that opportunity. I will tell you what in my view are their short-term aims based..... I would say

their short-term aims -- firstly to wreck NATO, secondly to eliminate Western influence in the far East. Thirdly to exploit trouble in the Middle East and in Africa ~~and~~ ^{so as} to create a revolutionary situation, and fourthly, gentlemen, ^{generally generally} to bring about economic collapse amongst the Western nations. That is what I would say are their long-term

aims. The point I would like to emphasize to you before we go any further is that those aims are all positive and aggressive - positive and aggressive. Now in order to achieve those points the East is launching an intensive cold war, and I think you will remember that cold war principles do not exclude local or civil wars.

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And what is not clear to me - it may be to you, I don't know - what is not clear to me whether the East would resort to the hazards of world war to achieve its aims more quickly. That is not clear to me, but what is clear to me is that the situation today in the world is such that there is always a risk of war through miscalculation - that is how I see it.

Now for the West! The Western policy appears to be the first one to provide the necessary military deterrent to aggression. - the necessary military deterrent to aggression. Secondly, deviate the Eastern exploitation of Western collapse in the cold war. And thirdly, minimize the risk of war by miscalculation. I would say those are the aims of the West.

Let us pass on to Point number 2 which will take a little longer. The point number 2 ~~is~~ that is the trouble in the world today - are the Western nations properly organized to handle that trouble. In my view the answer is quite clear, it is 'no.' They are not. Now that you see that I think you have just got to qualify in this way, that the achievements of NATO have been tremendous and we must not belittle those achievements in any way, but the problem has changed since NATO came into being, and so the organization has to be looked at and overhauled, and to handle the changed conditions.....as to how and what is the... very direct statement the nations are not organized properly to handle this trouble. Indeed if this answer is no, they are not organized, the point now arises what are the risks. Let us have a look at that. Well the West, the West is trying to handle what is in point of fact a global problem, but the nations of the West have no central order of decision to prevent political

policy or..... local problem with the proper organization today. There is a great lack of clear and agreed political aims, and I would emphasize political aims, and consequently of political direction, not only in geographical areas like NATO, but also in areas where these geographical regional organizations adjoin each other - in the actual region itself there is no grand design or plan.

run in to - political problems. Well, the first thing is that a group of nations has got to maintainⁱⁿ being in peacetime certain forces. - small, active forces in being in peacetime, ready to fight at any time and at a strength which is dependent on the national problem. - and the land forces which you have under these conditions must be trained for mobile war, and that means they must have a high percentage of long-service men..... and therefore the necessary airforces have got to be kept at a high state of readiness and efficiency in peacetime.....

Let us follow up the reasons I stated we were not properly organized - let us just sum that up. The West, we are the West, the West has no positive grand design or massed plan on a global basis either ~~known~~ to win the cold war or to handle the hot war if it should come. That really is very important. [I don't say when, I say if. If the hot war should come we haven't the plan to handle it on a global basis.] Furthermore the nations of the West are not properly geared.... continuous tension and cold war. It could turn. That cold war could turn to a hot war very quickly through miscalculation, and the hot war could come on you without warning. And we are not geared to handle that over a long period of ~~the~~ time.

[The present cold war has got to be handled on a global basis. It has got to be, and it is not ^{subversive} That will be necessary in a future war. It is not NATO, it is global, and we are not organized... I must not occupy you gentlemen too long. Am I alright? Good stuff this. Very well, we will go on to some better... on the part of the West. Political unity, political unity and agreement on our problems and how to solve them, that is the first thing. And that is

absolutely vital, and without that political unity and agreement on the problems ~~arising~~ then the military organizations are just hamstrung. No, there is sometimes a tendency - I notice a tendency to minimize the problems of other lands. For instance, some believe the problems of Western Europe appear quite simple beyond any possible doubt..... like to see the nations cooperate closely together to achieve that cold war aim. That is the first point. The second point, the second point is is a separate organization to agree political policy and military strategy on a global basis. On a global basis. A central organization to direct this global matter. Now this organization should be quite small..... The wood is lost in the trees. You can't see the wood for the trees..... and if each nation in that defensive alliance wants self sufficiency what value do you get from the alliance. You get none. pool your resources, and that must be done, and if you pool your resources there is always a risk, - you must accept that. You have got to accept that risk... it may be economic, or it may not. [I will tell you - I have been in this racket some time, I can tell you (laughter) I can tell you that unless you have mutual trust and confidence between nations you really cannot achieve anything.] And it is one thing for ministers to get round a table to sign a treaty and talk. It is quite another thing to get an agreed principle -- and I would say that all the treaties and plans in the world are useless without mutual confidence. They are useless, and they are useless unless the nations who sign them will subordinate their interest for the common good. They are useless, and much better not to waste their time signing the thing. Without mutual confidence.... thing is useless.

With your number six point.... what is the trouble in the world today?

Are we organized to meet that trouble. No. Why not? And what are the things necessary to put this matter right, and I propose, Sir, to give you my notes (laughter), and that is why I think I try to speak to you gentlemen absolutely clearly, forcefully, and tell you what I absolutely think.

- I am quite prepared to say it again whenever you like. Thank you very much. (applause).... politicians. what is the good of going on in this damn silly way.... very good friends in the USA, very good.

I am not prepared to tell you that we, the free nations haven't got a certain number of really good guys.... ~~The thing is there are far too~~

The thing is, there are far too many people on the job. Half of them are no good (laughter). What you want is a smaller number of really good chaps, that is what you want on this game. There are too many cooks, too many. The soup, the soup is quite tasteless from the multiplicity of plans. Let us have fewer people and let us get on with the job. If we are going to admit - I don't know who asked this question - if we are going to admit that we haven't get among us 3⁰⁰ or 4⁰⁰ million people of the Western nations, then God help us, that is what I say."

(applause)

a few good chaps who will give some decisions.