

EDITORIAL COMMENT

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Wilson Sounds Bad

One of the first pronouncements of the new boss of the British Labor Party Harold Wilson, was a statement to the effect that Great Britain should recognize East Germany. Naturally, this was a melancholy note in Bonn, and would greatly weaken the tie between Britain and West Germany should Wilson become the next British Prime Minister.

Wilson's words will have great appeal for the Russians, for the foundation of postwar Soviet policy is that Germany must be kept divided. That calls for two Germanys.

Bonn, and West Germans (and a number of East Germans as well) refuse to accept any permanent division of Germany. The Government of West German

even refuses to maintain official relation with any country which recognized the East German communist regime, which is considered merely a Moscow stooge.

Britain and the United States have adhered to the West German view quite logically, for this is an intensely deep conviction among Germans. They probably feel more closely and intensely the desire for unification than some of us realize.

Wilson's unfortunate attitude plays into the hands of both President Charles DeGaulle and Moscow. Americans can only hope on the basis of this statement and Wilson's forthcoming trip to Moscow—that he is not to be the next British Prime Minister.

Nationalization

The United States is one of the few countries where sentiment has not been very strong for nationalization of certain industries, at one time or the other. In Western Europe, and in Asia and Africa and in all the underdeveloped nations, the trend toward some nationalization of industry has been a reality for the last fifty years, or even longer.

In Great Britain, our former mother country, the Labor Party, gaining power, after World War II, forced the nationalization of certain industries such as the railroads. They also nationalized steel but the Conservatives, returning to power, denationalized steel, and it is a private industry today.

In Italy, the electric power industry has recently been nationalized or partly nationalized. In many other European countries some of the basic industries, like transportation, electricity, the telephone, etc., have been nationalized, either recently, or in

the earlier years of the century. The United States, then, stands as a bulwark against nationalization and socialism (though we practice some forms of socialism in our government, not calling it by name). One of the key reasons why we in the United States must keep our country strong and continue to set an example to the rest of the world, is the need for demonstrating that the private ownership principle, the free enterprise system, as we practice it, is the best system for free peoples.

The only common-sense remedy to our situation is to concentrate our aid efforts on our own United States economy, and economic health.

Views And Reviews

Byron B. Gentry, V. F. W. commander-in-chief; "We have to lay aside our peace addiction or we will live to see the day when we are surrounded by communists, and they eventually will destroy us."

Allen W. Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency; "I think this hemisphere is more threatened by secret wars of liberation than any other part to play."

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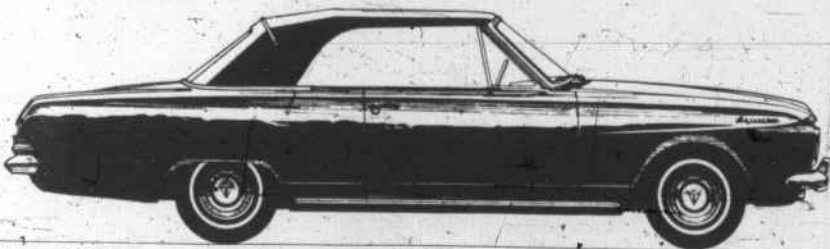
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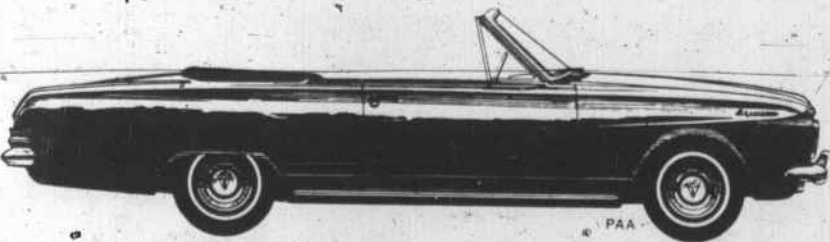


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