Tuesday, March 8, 1949



Need for Atlantic Pact

THE STORM in the United States Senate over the Atlantic Pact has died down as swiftly as it arose. It was never, indeed, a real storm. The pact was never (as some rather wild Washington correspondent suggested) in danger. The American will and intention to resist-and at once-any new aggression in Europe was not in question although there was the inevitably difficult problem of expressing that intention in the treay formula. Such a formula of obligation must not be stronger than the legal power of the government to fulfil the obligation. Yet in such a case as this, it must be as strong as possible: so that a potential aggressor shall not misjudge the intention.

In such conditions, some commentators-nortably Walter Lippmann-have suggested that the whole idea of a formal treaty is a mistake: that instead of a treaty there should be simply "military accords" reached by the general staffs, as to the action to be taken in such and such circumstances: plus ad hoc agreements about the British, American and Canadian (but mostly American) contribution to the "preparedness" of the continental democracies of Western Europe.

That is a tempting thesis. And there is a good precedent. In 1914 Britain had no formal obligation to help France if she were attacked. But the whole of the French plan of defence had been worked out on the assumption-based on "military accords"that the British Army could take over one sector of the land front and that the British Royal Navy would guard the French coasts and if necessary deal with the German "high seas fleet." And when the moment came the British government acted without hesitation—even before Belgium was invaded and the treaty obligation became operative.

Why not then the same sort of arrangement now? The answer was also given by 1914. The British intention to come to the aid of France was in fact absolute. But it was not embodied in a formal public treaty. And, because of that, the German government did not believe in it. They thought that there was quite a reasonable chance that Britain would stay neutral. And they gambled on the chance. It is quite possible that had there been a formal Anglo-French treaty of alliance there would have been no war in 1940.

The point of a formal treaty pledge of assistance against aggression (though it can never, in a democracy, be absolute and unconditional) is that it should be a deterrent: that in Senator Vandenberg's phrase it "serves notice on any would-be agressor." The purpose of such a treaty is not merely to ensure victory: it is to prevent war.

Nor, let it be added, is there to be-or indeed could be-anything in the pact to justify suspicions or accusations that there is any danger of its being an instrument of aggression. One democracy is very unlikely to commit an aggression. That seven for even more, since there will be other adherents) should agree to do so in concert is grotesquely unthinkable.

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