

ing from tariff and other trade barriers erected by the two rival European trade blocs. If the Common Market should decide against joining WFTA, the other European countries may find in the WFTA an alternative method of expanding their markets. If Great Britain is unsuccessful in winning entrance into the European Common Market, she may find an enlarged free trade area an attractive alternative.

From the American point of view, it would be most advantageous if the British were to join the Common Market, and the EEC and EFTA were to come to an agreement which, with U.S. and Canadian participation, would be the basis of an Atlantic Community. There is a danger to the United States and to the security of the Western world in an inward-looking united Europe pursuing protectionist trade policies with little regard for its relationships with the United States and its responsibilities to the less developed countries, and bent on becoming a political "third force" between the United States and the Soviet Union.

This two-step policy should help to sustain the continuing expansion of commerce among nations, strengthen U.S. leadership in the international trade field, and contribute to the lowering of international tensions.

