

Place of the Soviet Bloc in the Trading World?

Should this country strive to place the U.S.S.R. and/or the other eastern European countries on a par with its western trading partners (e.g. granting them most-favored nation treatment)?

Again the U. S. policy as to trade should be a flexible one and one that will fit into our long term goals. It was felt that we should grant the most-favored nation treatment as it seems wise to apply it. However, it was repeated time and again that the approach must be flexible. The committee found it difficult to fully explain how the most-favored nation treatment might be handled.

CONSENSUS COVERAGE

Briefly explain the way in which the subject of east-west trade was brought to your membership and evaluate membership participation.

A group of six members met ~~met~~ once a week for eight weeks. A program was presented at four unit meetings that unfortunately, perhaps due to weather, were not too well attended. We gave a short presentation of standing League position on Trade and then a short presentation on the background of the eastern European countries historically, politically and economically. The rest of the time was devoted to open discussion and all members were encouraged to express themselves.

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