

PRECEDENTS FOR HOPE

Americans hear much about "perceived threats," "present dangers," and "windows of vulnerability," but rarely about existing areas of cooperation such as:

- 396* basic agreements, amendments and extensions in force between the U.S. and Eastern European countries in such fields as atomic energy, narcotic drugs, postal services, education, investment guarantees, finance and tax arrangements, weather.
- 16 international arms control agreements which are in force and to which the United States and the Soviet Union are parties—Geneva Protocol, Antarctic Treaty, "Hot Line" Agreement, Limited Test Ban Treaty, Outer Space Treaty, Treaty Prohibiting Nuclear Weapons in Latin America, Nonproliferation Treaty, "Hot Line" Modernization Agreement, ABM Treaty, Standing Consultative Commission for SALT Agreement, Basic Principles of Negotiations on the Further Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms Agreement, Biological Weapons Convention, Protocol to ABM Treaty, Environmental Modification Convention. Additionally, three international arms control treaties have been negotiated and initialled by the United States and the Soviet Union but remain unratified—Threshold Test Ban Treaty, Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty (PNE), and the SALT II Treaty.
- 75 US-USSR bilateral agreements on matters of environmental cooperation, health and housing, agriculture and energy, maritime affairs, trade and commerce, aviation.
- Over 500 major U.S. corporations on record as having signed agreements or negotiated with the Soviet Union for commodity sales and scientific and technological exchanges on nonstrategic goods. Some of the giants include **American Express, ARMCO, Capitol Records, Coca Cola, Control Data, Corning Glass Works, Dow, Dresser Industries, EXXON, Firestone Tire & Rubber, General Mills, Gulf Oil, Honeywell, Hewlett Packard, IBM, Philip Morris, PepsiCo, Tenneco; Time magazine, U.S. Steel.**

These agreements—themselves advantageous—buttress current political negotiations and provide a positive atmosphere for future ones.

THE FACTS, PLEASE

There are indeed real differences between the United States and the Soviet Union. Yet there is a tendency to overemphasize and oversimplify negative aspects of US-Soviet affairs. Because the relationship is such a crucial one, it is essential that the public have access to balanced and reliable information.

Armed with facts, Americans are in a better position to exercise their judgment on the best possible course of action for the peace and security of our nation. Accordingly, the East-West Committee and its members

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Members also write timely reports on particular aspects of U.S.-Soviet affairs for the public, the press, Congress, and the executive branch of the government and participate in seminars, conferences and briefings to clarify the issues and to promote a depth and accuracy of understanding.

Of transcendent importance, each American must have adequate means to assess the implications of the unprecedented potential for destroying ourselves, our adversaries, our friends, and the world.