

February 5, 1957

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Dear Mr. Bastjanis:

The editors of Newsweek have passed along to me your generous note of December 20 referring to my Newsweek column of December 11. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing.

Sincerely,

Henry Hazlitt

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Mr. John Denson, Editor of "Newsweek"
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Dear Sir:

My congratulations to your contributing editor Mr. Hazlitt for his precise analysis of the U.S. Foreign-Policy's Myths (Newsweek, Dec.12). It certainly takes a man of courage to point out the three basic mistakes made so far: 1.- reiteration that every step we take must be "short of war"; 2.- giving away money to governments regardless of their policies; 3.- determination to "act" only through the U.N.

So - how are we going to avoid these mistakes in the future ?

In the same Newsweek issue the answer is delivered by quoting Vice President Nixon's address before American auto-makers in New York. Mr. Nixon stated that the U.S. will work through the U.N. (mistake # 3. - see above)... for a world order based on law rather than force, and for the defeat of Communism without war (mistake # 1). Mr. Nixon added that a major American response would be a broader, stronger foreign-aid program. (mistake # 2).

The Vice President also supplied the reason for the Administration's intention to repeat past blunders: " So long as millions of people in other nations live in poverty and want, our own prosperity is not really secure."

Seems like a nice Christian thought - worth pondering at Christmas.

Yours truly, *Ilmars Bastjanis*