

But I would like to point out at the same time that we should never lump all the Asian countries together. Our friends and allies in Korea are spending 6 percent of GNP and their trade surplus with the United States is not nearly as offensive, for example, as is Japan's.

So you're absolutely right. There are ways and means if the President determines that it shall be to get our allies onboard in joint enterprises. We are about to apparently go into some rather heady intervention in the exchange markets. We had a major meeting that appeared to be successful at least from some people's point of view over the weekend of Finance Ministers of five major industrialized nations. If we can do that, why can't we also pull together on the same oar of posing a united front to our common enemy, which is basically the Warsaw Pact and all its associated members?

The CHAIRMAN. Probably because the European countries will never learn their lesson. That's why they have been involved in so many wars in their history because they never learn from the previous one.

Senator DIXON. Mr. Chairman, may I interrupt for just a moment? I have to go back to the Armed Services Committee. But may I have leave to submit some written questions to First Chicago and Citibank?

The CHAIRMAN. Certainly.

Senator Hecht.

Senator HECHT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a time problem too on Energy, so I would like to forego my questions and hear the next panel.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Mr. Allen. We appreciate your willingness to be here.

Mr. ALLEN. It's a pleasure, Senator. Thank you very much. Senator Hecht, it's nice to see you.

The CHAIRMAN. Could we have the next panel come up, the Honorable Rurarz, former Polish Ambassador to Japan; and Mr. Howard Ruff, chairman, Free the Eagle Citizen's Lobby.

Mr. Rurarz, would you like to begin, please.

#### STATEMENT OF ZDZISLAW M. RURARZ, FORMER POLISH AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN

Mr. RURARZ. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for inviting me to testify before your committee and apart from the comments which I have provided to you a couple days ago, I should like to make a brief oral statement.

In my written comments, I was trying to prove that the Soviet bloc countries are quite simply overstating the figures concerning their economic situation to make them attractive for Western banks and companies to invest in them. And this is particularly true of East Germany. Such countries, like for instance Hungary or even Poland, are not that much falsifying the statistical figures, although they also do and, therefore, their economic performance looks much worse than, for instance, that one for East Germany.

When it comes to East Germany, which is not a member of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and, of course, not of the