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In the course of the day I have seen permanent Under-Secretary Sargent and Under-Secretaries Warner and Butler. All were very favorably impressed by President's speech.

Sargent said he very much liked its frankness. He was glad that Poland, Bulgaria and Rumania were also mentioned. There was much speculation now as to the effect of the speech on the Moscow talks. He personally felt that so forthright and frank a statement could not help but have a very good effect on the "primitive" Soviet mentality.

Warner characterized the speech as "a very fine statement." The references to Britain were so phrased that they could not possibly cause any embarrassment to Foreign Office. It was to be expected, however, that the statements frankness on Communism would lead to some criticism from those elements here who are always advocating caution. At today's weekly meeting of a group of political officers of the Foreign Office the general feeling was that the speech would have a salutary effect on the course of the Moscow talks. He himself had not made up his mind on this point. He felt though that if the effect were salutary this would not be reflected at once by Soviet behavior.

Butler's comment was that the speech was the most heartening development in many months.

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