

Reaction of Radio Moscow (14 May 1950)

Caption: On 14 May 1950, Soviet radio sets out the position of the USSR regarding the Schuman Plan.

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The scheme announced by Robert Schuman to merge the French steel industry with that of West Germany has already been a subject for propaganda from the US authorities for a long time. For example, it is well known that a similar scheme was put forward by John McCloy, the US High Commissioner in West Germany.

The point of this scheme could not be more obvious. Washington's immediate aim is to seize hold of the countries of Western Europe for good and all. The work on implementing this plan began with the seizure of the Ruhr. The plan now is to link Ruhr coal to the iron ore in Lorraine.

Anyone can see that the devisers of this plan are not Schuman or Georges Bidault but Dean Acheson and McCloy, as well as the American monopolies waiting in the wings. But schemes aimed at remilitarising West Germany are running into the righteous indignation of the peoples of Western Europe, who for their part have not forgotten the horrors of the war unleashed by the German Fascists.

The bourgeois press in America and Britain is itself forced to admit that these schemes will not be easy to carry out. No wonder the supporters of all-out diplomacy are so worried and hesitant. The popular masses in all parts of the world, including Western Europe, do not want war; they are determined to foil all the aggressors' schemes.

Radio Moscow, 14 May 1950, 12.30 pm, in French