

CITIZENS OF TOMORROW DEBATE IN TODAY'S PROBLEMS

To Central Hall, Westminster come 3,000 teenagers from schools all over Britain. Citizens of tomorrow, they are here to discuss the problems of today. Highlight is the talk by Sir David Maxwell Fyfe on European co-operation. Afterwards, Sir David faces a battery of questions.

SOUND

"James Newton of Stowe School. Do you consider Sir David that the attitude of the Western nations towards Spain is consistent with the need to form the strongest possible barrier against the Western advance of Communism?"

Sir David

"If General Franco is prepared to modify the constitution of Spain so as to give in Spain these freedoms which I have mentioned more than once then we shall again be very glad to welcome Spain into our gathering and to work with them in the ways that have been suggested."

"How can Britain if she is to take the lead in securing European co-operation ever reconcile her practical aims with those of such a power as Russia whose ideals are so completely opposed to hers?"

Sir David

"I don't think we can wait until we can resolve the cleavage which our questioner has just mentioned. I think, in the meantime, we have got to show that international co-operation can function successfully in dealing with practical problems from a democratic standpoint."

"Sir, I am not in any way trying to attack the Western European Unity Movement, but do you not think that there are perhaps too many organisations working for the same ends and that they should be brought under one special agency in the United Nations?"

Sir David

"That, I think, if I may say so without disrespect to the other questioners is the best question that we have had."

Citizens of tomorrow, perhaps leaders of the day after tomorrow, these youngsters show that they've inherited the spirit that breeds greatness. Their parliamentary session is over - but in schools and homes the debate continues.