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Note by the Italian Delegation

The Italian Delegation wishes to express its appreciation to the United States Delegation for the three pamphlets on the "Soviet Propaganda Image of the West". They are interesting and thought-provoking.

2. The third pamphlet stresses the effectiveness of the Soviet propaganda method of incessant repetition. It might be added that this method postulates a firm ideological basis amounting to a kind of dogmatism in interpreting world events which has proved a formidable Soviet weapon in constantly misinterpreting Western thought and action.

3. The Italian Delegation wonders if we should not seek to reply to this falsification of the West by giving an effective picture of the East? The best method of counteracting Soviet propaganda would be to reveal the contradictions between their words and acts, to spotlight the final aims which lie concealed beneath their theories, and by reference to historical data reveal the longevity of Soviet propaganda trends.

4. The Italian Delegation considers that it would be useful if the Secretariat could provide at regular intervals selected historical and ideological background information about Soviet policy moves, based on an exchange of information in the Committee. The Italian Delegation would welcome a discussion in the Committee on Information and Cultural Relations on the best means of implementing this suggestion.

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