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place high tariffs on their products if they don't.

Our allies don't understand such petty actions on the part of such a strong economic power, Mikesell said. Trade with the United States is vitally important to them and is closely tied to their military and diplomatic policies which are, in turn, vital to the United States.

The United States, with its great economic strength, must liberalize its trade policies if it is to meet the new economic threat posed by the Soviet Union.

By lowering our tariff barriers, we would build the economic strength of our allies—on whom we depend for our own defense. We would also build our own economy. One of the reasons economists give for the present business recession is our decreased foreign trade during the past two years—blamed on our trade policies. When the St. Lawrence Seaway is completed, foreign trade will become even more important to us.

We should also increase our foreign economic aid to help such countries as India win their battles with poverty. If India goes into the Soviet orbit she will likely drag the rest of Southeast Asia with her. Then, as Mikesell said, we'll face either slow strangulation from lack of resources or a "blaze of nuclear glory."

The present Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act expires June 30. The Administration has proposed a bill to replace it which would give the President his present powers for a five-year period and the authority to reduce tariffs by as much as 25 per cent over the five years.

The proposals, however, contain provisions—a sop to protectionists—which could force tariffs on specific items as much as 50 per cent higher than the notorious Smoot-Hawley high tariffs.

The February 8 issue of The Economist, published in London, in discussing the proposed bill said: "While these proposals offer a fair prospect of future reductions in duties, they do nothing at all to meet the principal complaint of America's trading partners—the uncertainty of American tariff policy."

The same article also said: "Given the entrenched nature of the opposition, the Administration and its Democratic co-belligerents such as Senator Douglas (D-Ill.) are wise to concentrate on the new, compelling arguments based on American self-interest which point towards a liberal tariff road. No official speech on the subject fails to cite Mr. Khrushchev's challenge to Mr. William Randolph Heart Jr.: 'We declare war on you in the peaceful field of trade.'"

It's past time we retaliated against the Soviet Union with what could be our most formidable, and in the long run most profitable, instrument of national policy—our economic strength.

Holmes' Plan 'Will be Fought'

PORTLAND (AP)—The compulsory automobile insurance plan of Gov. Robert D. Holmes will be fought by the Oregon Assn. of Insurance Agents.

Herbert A. Ballin Jr., association president, said that Saturday

in reply to the governor's proposal.

Ballin, who said his association represents agents writing 65 per cent of all property damage insurance in the state, said compulsory insurance isn't the answer to the problem.

Holmes Urges Law

The governor last week said many persons were injured or suffered financial loss in automobile accidents in which the other driver was not insured and had no money to pay.

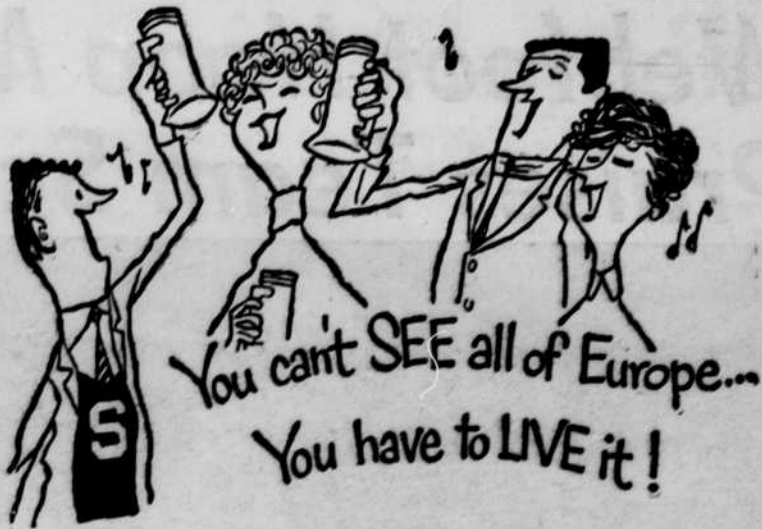
He said he would ask the 1959 Legislature to pass a law requiring all motorists to carry insurance.

Ballin said the result of such a law would be higher rates, increased litigation and political turmoil.

Further, he said, it would not protect motorists against people from out of the state, from hit-run drivers, or from drivers of stolen cars.

He suggested that motorists already can buy insurance which protects them in case the other driver is not insured.

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