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With the Russians offering to reopen trade
with Wentern Europe, some of our allies, al-
most desperate for markets, are getting a little
bolder in calling the United States to task for
reneging on our international agreements. Britain has said, in effect, "Either you play
the game according to the rules you yourself set up, or it's every man for himself again."
Belgem thium thane further. It withdrew the
tariff concession granted the U. $S$. on industrial tariff concession granted the U. S. on industrial
wax to get even for the American increase of
import duty on Belgian hatter's fur. The Belgian realiatory move won't harm us much; it is real-
ly just a token slap. But the U. S. can hardly
afford to ignore it because we stand accused before the world of not practicing what we preach,
and we're guity of the charge.
For years now, since the Marshall plan began
and before, the U. S. has been urging Europeans to ease trade restrictions among themselves, ex--
pounded the virtues and profits of freer trade,
and promised to simplify our customs laws. We told Europe that the way of economic salvation
was increased production and sales for dollars.
Groups of European businessmen toured the U. Groups of European businessmen toured the U.
8. to learn advertising, salesmanship, market
research.
The idea was that if Americans bought European goods here, then the Europeans could
use the dollars to buy American goods, and the
American taxpayers would not have to give American taxpayers would not have to give
away so many dollars to keep our European
friends in food and factories. granting protective tariffs to any U.S. industry
which hollers that it is being robbed by, the
competion from European cheap labor." The
Europeans finally discovered that even it they produced, advertised and packaged to meet our
approval, they couldn't sell.
To them the paradox of U. Sords and deeds
is hardly a joke. So they are protesting. They
want to make their tey live on handouts and Uncle's allowances. They are
threatening to junk the whole shining universal
code of trade laws and revert to the jungle law
of survival unless, Michael L. Hoffman says in
the New York

terials instead of dollars.
The China Lobby
Oregon's Senator Morse again has called for
congressional investigation of the China lobby.
His publication in the Congressional Record of
pertinent ocuments and the romprehensive re-
view of the lobby in the April 15 and 29 issues
of The Reporter should touch off a public de-
mand for the facts on both sides of the China
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