

b. Answer: The U.S. should be prepared to intervene, preferably with other SEATO nations, in the event of Communist overt aggression against Southeast Asia. SEATO military forces should function under a Unified Command, perhaps in the name of the United Nations.

6. Communist Activities

a. Question: What can the U.S. do to remedy the existing lack of adequate Free World capabilities for countering Communist subversion and penetration? Should the U.S. oppose or attempt to match all Communist activities in Southeast Asia or should Communist-bloc trade, technicians, and investments be tolerated within certain limits?

b. Answer: The U.S. should not oppose or attempt to match all Communist activities in Southeast Asia. With a careful selection of projects, US aid can show the greater advantages of Western methods.

7. Colonialism

a. Question: Should the U.S. uniformly oppose the continuance of colonialism or should it assist its European Allies to retain strategic outposts against Communist penetration in Southeast Asia?

b. Answer: The U.S. should oppose the continuance of colonialism. However, an exception should be made when colonies, e.g. Hong Kong, serve as strategic outposts against Communist penetration.

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