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With the progress of time breaches of peace anywhere caused discomforting

ripples elsewhere. The attack on.....by.....grew to become a world war, fought in Europe. That war gave rise to two developments, both unique in world history. The one was the formation of a Socialist state in Europe; and the other was the formation of the League of Nations. In the formation of both, the question of peace was a central issue.

For reasons that need no repetition here, World War II broke upon a Europe that had stood idly by as Mussolini's armies crushed a

defenceless African country. The League of Nations proved impotent, if indeed concerned. Winston Churchill in his Memoirs suggests that the

German Fuhrer, Adolf Hitler, took special notice of this impotence and that the

The second World War, greater than any other war in world history, was fought, mainly in Europe, as "a war to end all wars". Like World War I, it resulted in two developments which are today most relevant to the question of world peace. The one development was the emergence of more socialist states in Europe. The other was the formation of the United Nations Organisation, as a guarantor of world peace intended to be vastly more effective than its predecessor, the League of Nations.

Today, the storm clouds of World War III continually flitter across the

skies of Europe as the wealth of nations is increasing measure consumed

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in preparations for a war to conquer the Socialist world and crush peoples struggles for national liberation.

Europe, which has hosted two frightening wars can hardly look forward to

hosting the third - which will surely end all wars-because there will be

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no Europe to host them and no one left anywhere to fight them. What is more, Europe saw each of the 2 world wars coming, and took no action. Surely President Reagan is suing for a world war. We can only hope that the experience of world wars which Europe (West and East) has

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had will constitute, as it should, an effective deterrent to those who
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are planning for world, conquest and seem to believe that Hitler's dream failed to materialise for want of an MX missile.

In the meantime Europe itself has been spared war now for nearly 40 years - an unprecedented achievement. But many regional wars are raging in many parts of the world. They all represent, in varying degrees, a failure to achieve, or an absence of conditions favourable to the maintenance of, peace and stability. They all pose a human problem and a challenge to all who believe in a peaceful, stable and progressive world.

Lawrence Eagleburger was addressing these actual or potential regional wars when he said "spokesmen from.....Latin

America" and then went on to discuss one of them - Southern Africa.

It is of the greatest significance that Europe - embracing France, Britain, Spain, Portugal, The Netherlands should as a region, be bracketed with the Middle East, Latin America, Asia and Southern Africa in terms of what the U.S. perceives to be its responsibilities.

No country, least of all a regional grouping of countries, wants a self-appointed guardian. What are known as Third World countries are, however, often assigned the status of unwilling wards. What is unclear is why Europe should be given a place among the "wards". Indeed, in his treatment of the issues in Southern Africa the only Government, the only country outside that region, with a meaningful role to play is the U.S. Europe does not feature and the West receives no more than a cursory reference.

We do not agree that Europe should thus be relegated.-* - -