

FRIENDS

THE RECONCILIATION between Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union is complete. This is clear from the joint declaration of both governments and even more so from the joint statement of the Communist League of Yugoslavia and the Soviet Communist Party.

Americans who place high hopes in the United Nations will be pleased that the Yugoslav and Soviet governments stress the part UN plays in easing tensions.

Americans who may have believed that Soviet-Yugoslav reconciliation was a threat to our country now see that both the USSR and Yugoslavia are stressing the need of friendship with the United States.

Unquestionably the cause of democracy and socialism is strengthened by the declaration of the Yugoslav and Soviet Communists "that the roads and conditions of Socialist development are different in different countries"; also their rejection of "any tendency of imposing one's own views in determining the roads and forms of Socialist development"; and their agreement that cooperation "should be based on complete freedom of will and equality, on friendly criticism and on the comradely character of the exchange of views on disputes between our parties."

But now the Wall Street Journal and other newspapers who are sensitive to Stock Market trends are warning about another type of alleged "danger."

They complain that the new relationship among socialist countries based on absolute equality and national sovereignty as well as the demonstration that all Communist Parties are completely independent, makes socialism a much more attractive force in the world.

They weep because the leaders of India and Burma and many West European Socialists are responding to the new appeals for friendly discussion and for labor unity.

But if the Wall Street Journal weeps, people who seriously examine the basis of this growing unity can only rejoice, since it sets out to strengthen peace and democracy in this atomic age.