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Extracts from an article by Mr. Justice S. S. Dhavan (Allahabad High Court) appearing in Blitz dated January 29, 1966, under the heading "Has India's Foreign Policy Failed?"

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"One of the worst results of British domination was the disappearance of the science of diplomacy from India. Being reduced to the status of a conquered race, Indians were deprived of the right to have any contact with other sovereign nations. Worse, they were excluded even from minor posts in the External Affairs Department. Britishers propagated what I have called the infamous Lie: "unfitness of Indians". One Governor General (Cornwallis) wrote that "all Indians are corrupt", and another (Hastings) pronounced that "Hindoes had no higher intelligence than dogs or monkeys." This is how the ancestors of our worthy Mr. Wilson reduced the descendants of Chanakya, Asoka, and Akbar to the servile role of clerks. The enormity of this monstrous crime against a great civilisation may be judged from the fact that India was one of the three nations of antiquity which created international law - a code of conduct governing the relations between sovereign."

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But with the establishment of Britain's alien raj, an iron curtain descended on India behind which Indians disappeared as the "natives of the British Empire."

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"The fact that the two Great Powers which initiated the cold war are today engaged in winding it up is a measure of the success of Nehru's gospel of non-alignment."

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"The cold war was formally inaugurated in 1949 when the Atlantic Pact was signed. Commenting on this Pact at that time, I wrote in an article, "The Atlantic Pact means a reversion to the system of military alliances which prevailed in Europe before the First World War. The Atlantic Pact is proof that the UNO ideal is dead. Three members of the Pact are permanent members of the Security Council. They have formed a military alliance against a fellow member of the Council - the USSR. Thus, the substratum of the UNO is gone. Will the Atlantic Pact preserve peace? History will answer this question in due course. Up to now its answer has invariably been in the negative. Rival military coalitions invariably have led to war

in the past." I wrote this in 1949. What saved the world from a third world war? Non-alignment."

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"Sheikh Abdullah, who later succumbed to American intrigues, himself declared that the people of Kashmir had made their final and irrevocable choice. All our troubles started after the visits of the US Vice-President Nixon and the American Democrat leader, Adlai Stevenson, who whispered the word "independence" in Sheikh Abdullah's ears, and held out prospects of American aid if he went back on the Constituent Assembly's verdict."

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"As regards the complaint to the Security Council, Nehru had not anticipated British treachery. He did not realise that Britain was still an implacable foe of a strong and united India."

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"As regards Britain, I see no future for Indo-British friendship, because reluctantly I have come to the conclusion that Britain does not regard the existence of a strong India in her interests and she will shed no tears if India is disrupted."

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