

# The Only Question On Foreign Policy

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The issue of whether American forces should be introduced in case of a Soviet invasion of Yugoslavia was the only foreign-policy question raised during last night's debate between President Ford and Jimmy Carter.

A questioner noted that Carter had said that he would not send American troops to Yugoslavia in the event of a Soviet invasion, and asked whether it would not be wiser to keep his options open.

Carter responded that he recently talked with W. Averell Harriman, former ambassador to Moscow, and James R. Schlesinger, former defense Secretary, and that the two advisers had counseled him that there was "no prospect" of such a Soviet invasion after Marshal

Tito, the veteran leader, passed from the scene.

He said, as he has many times during the campaign, that he would never become militarily involved in the affairs of another nation unless the security of the United States was directly involved.

He added, "I think it would be unwise for us to say that we will go to war in Yugoslavia if the Soviets should invade — which I think would be an extremely unlikely thing."

In response, Mr. Ford said he believed that it is unwise to describe the American response in advance, recalling that such statements about Korea had invited a North Korean attack in 1950. He said it is "far better for the other side not to know precisely what you'll do."

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