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 ish, he told the jury.
That attitude must have been shared by many honest,
patriotic Americans 10 years ago. President Roosevelt
had reeognized the Soviet government, and it was supp-
posedly a friendly power. The Communists were loud and had recognized the Soviet government, and it was sup
posedly a friendly power. The Communists were loud and
unpleassint, but any serious fear of them seemed ground less to the man in the street.
But was such an attitude But was such an attitude, forgivable perhaps in the
average eltizen, \& proper one in the State Department?
Berle felt strongly enough about Russia's world designs Bers to urge strong action against them, he must have ha
some inkling of those designs five years earlier. in 1989, though the charges were not as specific as they
are now. But this doubtful that he warned that the Hiss
brothers were going. to "take over', the government.
Berle's reaction to the Chambers information now seems a Berte
not too amuasing exaggeration. The point was that these
men had access to State Department documents that might ment. And if Berle, who was shipped down the river for his
positive and realistic Russian policy, viewed Chambers positive and realistic Russian policy, viewed Chambers
charges so lightly, how must his colleagues have felt who
wanted to "trust" Russia? They were the officials whose wanged to "trust'" Russia? They were the officials whose
views prevailed until well into the Truman administration Perhaps an answer, or its reflection, may be found in
an article by Roseoe Drummond in the Christian Science
Monitor. Drummond tells an amazing story of conditions in the State Department during the thirties, Condes and
decoded messages were frequently left unlocked and unguarded, he claims. Copies and discarded messages were
handled carelessly. Once, he says, a German Embassy messenge
present.
Such carelessness, if true, was unforgivable. Even in
peacetime dealings with friendly nations there are con-
fidential matters that fidential matters that must be kept secret. If it had been
generally known by diplomats that the State Department had left such documents unguarded, it surely would have
undermined some of the confidence that our future allies placed in our government.
Drummond's article makes it easy to see how almos
any State Department employe, even a janitor, could have had access to these documents. It would be most surpris. charged.
revelations of what took place 10 years ago is important.
But more important is the need for utmost vigilance to make sure that the future will not bring similar revelations
of what is taking place today.





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