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*"Mr. Chairman, Friends, and Patriots:*

In alertness to the perils of the hour, you are to be commended; and not only your California chapters, but your entire national organization. You have rendered no greater patriotic service than in your appreciation of the institutions that have created the freedoms we all enjoy in America, your land and mine. Freedom is not the natural state of man, it is an achievement. It came hard and was purchased by the free shedding of the blood of its champions on the hard fought battlefields of history. Only because our forebears, forgetful of life and pain, have bravely carried the banners of liberty against the minions of tyrants, can we, today, choose our own leaders and work out our own national destiny.

There is a great race of hard working people in eastern Europe. They are few in number, comparatively, but they loved their land and loved their liberty. Abandoned by the diplomacy of the western nations, they were engulfed in the oriental tide of despotism that masquerades as communism. We have, here in America, preserved some of their culture and ideals. The very words we use have been influenced by their literature. Our word talk originated in Lithuania and by the way of Sweden and England became an everyday tool of our conversation.

Today, the bravest families in eastern Europe are fleeing from their homes by land or sea, by plane, by boat and on foot. The heel of the communist tyrant grinds deeply in freedom-loving hearts. Many sturdy families are fishermen on their native shores of the Baltic Sea. When life under the lash of the commissars became not worth living, one resolute and courageous fisherman prepared his fishing craft for sea as best he could. With two other families, he loaded his few possessions and his wife and babies into their small sailing boat and in the early hours of evening darkness, put out to sea.

There were many days of hiding in rocky inlets and long dangerous nights of careful sailing before these refugees could feel free of recapture by Russian patrols and boldly set sail westward by day and by night. They traversed the length of the great Baltic inland sea. They passed through the straits between Denmark and Sweden, and between Denmark and Norway, down the English channel and boldly southward and westward in the Atlantic. Their meager food supply dwindled, the days were long, the nights were longer and the winds were chilling and cold. The children cried for food, for exercise, for play time. There was much sickness and hardship.



Do you think they were sailing for America? Yes, South America. Brazil was their hoped-for haven. They knew if they dared to land on North American soil, they would be deported and sent back under our immigration quota laws.

The winds were uncertain, and adverse storms delayed them. Their small craft was ill-equipped for so great a voyage. The time grew longer than they expected. The mother was especially ill—childbirth was approaching.

Finally, in order that the mother of his children might have food and care and a chance to live, the father decided to go ashore with his wife and children, on the Virgin Islands, the mid-Atlantic outpost of our Country and face return to life under the hammer and sickle. To his companions, he gave the boat so they and their families might continue on to Brazil where they would be sure of a safe refuge.

The sick mother and her family with a few belongings were put ashore and the little craft put out to sea and turned southward. The landed family, seeking help, found themselves arrested for immigration without a quota visa, confined in detention quarters and the smaller children and mother immediately hospitalized. Deportation awaited the time when the sick ones would be able to travel. The future was dark beyond our ability to understand, but this courageous family continued to hope for asylum somewhere.

Good food and medical care provided by the United States Government wrought rapid progress by the mother toward recovery in time so that her baby was born alive and she lived. In time, she was discharged from the hospital to the immigration authorities, and they prepared to send the family back to Europe. But wait! How could they send the baby back? He was a citizen of the United States of America. The Constitution of the United States said so. He was born on our soil, born under the Stars and Stripes. No deportation was possible here. That child of a refugee mother has every right that you and I have under our Government. Must they leave the child behind? What could they do?

But remember this, a citizen of America has the right to the loving care of his father and mother and under our laws, as authorized by our Constitution, the rights of that child, that helpless babe of a few days old, his rights included the right to have his family remain with him. So, what the adult family could not do, the baby did do—gain entry and the right to remain under our Flag. So great is the right of citizenship in America, under the Stars and Stripes.

The Constitution may just be faded parchment, but it commands officials and lawmakers throughout our Land and on the islands of the sea to protect the helpless citizen of America.

There are other boats out on the Atlantic tonight, other small refugee craft. They are crowded with families, with fretful children and anxious mothers as the sailor fathers gravely scan the western and southern horizon. Are any eastward bound? Is any one fleeing America tonight in small refugee boats to escape oppression? You know the answer is no. This land is the hope of the oppressed the world over. All the refugees are westward bound.

Only the Eislers flee America, foul criminals who are caught in the attempt to destroy our Country. I wish we could get enough action, official and judicial action, careful but firm, that would run out a lot more of these conspirators that plot to destroy all that we hold dear.

Evidently our Constitution makes a great deal of difference to many people. What sort of a document is it? Why was it adopted?

First, it is not an iron clad system of laws. That is left to popular decision to provide and change. It is, primarily and speaking in general terms, the Constitution is a form of government. A 'rules of the game' whereby government may be fairly and justly operated. We can, and do, have a measure of socialism under our Constitution. We can, and do, have a very great deal of individualism under our Constitution, but it provides a fair method of procedure by which the decisions of government are arrived at honestly and justly with ample protection to the individual citizen and limited powers to the government official.

We have a system of checks and balances so that no governmental agency can be dictatorial and successfully refuse to serve the will of the people. Acts of the Legislature are subject to veto by the Governor. Vetoes may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature or Congress. Presidential appointees are subject to confirmation by the Senate. All acts are subject to judicial review in the courts. Judges, Governors, Presidents, and their appointees may be impeached, tried and put out of office by the Congress or Legislature.

We have no commissars, no secret police, no supreme politburo, but we do have opposition political parties and the right to criticize and oppose our Government politically. However, I do not believe that these political rights include or ever were intended to include any right so-called to conspire to overthrow our Government. Liberty does not include any right to conspire to destroy that same liberty. Until the courts of our Land quit shielding traitors under the pretext of free speech, and conspirators who follow the direction of enemy totalitarian leaders, there will be great peril to our Constitution and Nation.

You have no freedom of speech to enter a crowded theater and shout "fire." You have no freedom of speech to slander a fellow-citizen, to destroy his good name. Neither should freedom of speech be extended to those attempting to destroy the form of government that provides the freedom of speech.

Political freedoms are intended for loyal opposition to the policies of the present government, not for conspirators to destroy it. Opposition to existing government by loyal dissenters to government policy, is a just political right. It is under this cloak that our dangerous, foreign-led propagandizers attempt to hide. To identify them is never easy. The F. B. I. does a great work, but leaves the public in the dark and uninformed. Our legislative committee reports let you, the people, know what is going on.

Our Constitution was adopted to set up a system of rules to govern political controversy and fairly determine the will of the people and enable that will to be put into effect by the officials freely selected by the citizens.

Under this system of government which is now the oldest continuous government in the world, 162 years without a major substantive change, our people have reached a standard of living that is the envy of the world. We are one-fifteenth of the population of the world, but we buy and consume one-third of the meat of the world, and one-half the shoes, yes, and four-fifths of the automobiles. Clothing is purchased with one-third the hours of labor that are required in the most favored country of the eastern world. American homes are four times as large in square footage per family member as any European people's homes, and our homes are filled with labor-saving equipment unknown elsewhere. Also we have achieved the widest distribution of good living standards among more of our people.

In every way our political liberties exceed those of any other country. Governmental services in education for all our youth, public highways free to all for pleasure and business, all are on a scale never approached in any other land. American industry, the teamwork of capital, management and labor produces in such abundance for American markets as to make our Nation the financial banker of the whole world. American industry did not grow big by regulation, but by service rendered. Competition is the most stimulating regulator ever found. In our leisure time the cultural activities of the American people have grown beyond all precedent. Fraternal lodges, service and luncheon clubs, recreational clubs, charitable organizations; all have developed to new heights of service and enjoyment.

All this is the fruit of our governmental institutions which have released the energy and ingenuity of the American people. Political liberty is the foundation of all other liberties including religious liberty. Now what is the peculiar process of American political affairs that makes this difference? There are several. First, and basic, is the guarantee of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to every citizen. A guarantee of life unless guilty of capital offense against other citizens. A guarantee of liberty, unless proven guilty of serious offense against law and order.

A guarantee of the opportunity to provide for one's own happiness in establishing a home and improving it, in marketing the products of personal labor for personal gain and to keep and enjoy this gain.

Both the investor and the laborer are guaranteed the right to organize and cooperate together to increase their gains. Everyone who will grant these rights to others and loyally support the Government, freely enjoys these privileges.

We hear it said that the American system is on trial. Trial before whom, I ask, and trial for what? Do they propose as a substitute, the wretched existence in Russia?

Another distinctive thing that our Constitution has done is that it has attracted as immigrants to this Land, over 20,000,000 people. This is unique in all the history of mankind. They have left their loved native lands and the homes of their childhood, parted from kindred and friends to cross the seas and come here to swear allegiance to our Constitution and to leave their families and children, their posterity in the keeping of the American people under our Constitution. To do this, to make such a drastic change in their life's surroundings means two things; life under our Constitution had great attractions for them and life away from the benefits of our Constitution was one of privation, hardship, and lack of opportunity.

Under free enterprise, the people, all of the people, of the United States have a greater purchasing power—have more, buy more, possess more, and use more, more food, clothing and housing and everything else—than all the people of all of Europe and Asia combined. In the face of these obvious achievements of the American people, communist advocates of the all-powerful state must be afraid of life under freedom. Why, I ask? Are they lazy? Do they fear work?

Russia has more than half the standing timber of the whole world; but the Russian people, after 30 years of communism have only an average of 40 square feet of shelter per person.

We have, here in America, a per capita average of 400 feet of good quality housing for each man, woman, or child. Yes, and we have 12 square feet more than 400. This will provide a good closet apiece for our extra clothes. The Russians don't need closets, for they can't afford extra clothes.

There is one thing we do not have that the Russians have to have in their homes; a large picture of the big man with the fierce mustache. From escaped refugees, we have learned of one Russian who was arrested for not having a picture of Stalin on the wall of his home. His plea in defense was that his family was one of several occupying one large room and his allotted space was in the center of the room with no wall space. Nevertheless, he was sent off to a labor camp.



No Russian is permitted to own land. He cannot have a jury trial.

The Russian cannot choose his own job. He dares not absent himself from work, nor does he ever strike and live to tell of it.

There are no picket lines. The Russian is not allowed to employ labor. He has no right to travel. He is not allowed to own jewelry. He has nothing to buy it with, and, besides, it is a crime.

A Russian is forbidden to ring a church bell and dares not to converse freely with a foreigner. He has no freedom of speech, no freedom of assembly, nor freedom of religion.

In spite of all these known facts, the new and novel propaganda from Russia has so infected the thinking of great numbers of our citizens that our basic institutions of law and order are now questioned, yes and even ridiculed and held up to hatred and contempt.

Our Constitution and our Republic have so amply proved their worth and value that their obvious merits stand supreme and without any real competition to any one who will give serious thought to their benefits. Just because of this outstanding merit, great numbers of our American citizens refuse to believe that our free institutions are threatened or in danger. The citizens of a score of other nations felt the same false security until the boot of the conspirators suddenly appeared as secret police and kicked down the doors of their homes in the dead of night, carrying patriots away to oblivion.

If we remain careless, apathetic and indifferent, the agents of foreign despotism will have the opportunity to repeat their oft accomplished conquests in this, the last stronghold of freedom militarily able to successfully resist.

This apathy is my greatest problem in the Senate or at home. The schools and medical profession are the favorite first objective of these conspirators. Leaders of these conspiracies call themselves great liberals as would-be and actual tyrants always do, and always have done, 'liberals' the world over in every age.

Of course, we have the example of many other countries. In England, for instance, the professions are part of the state machine with political bosses giving them rules to obey and prescribing their salaries. Yet, we are asked to save England. It is not England that is failing. That would be a different matter, far different. What is collapsing in England is socialism. That is what we are asked to save. As a matter of fact, we are as a government supporting every other system in foreign aid funds; every other system but our own.

That is all right in an emergency where the need is urgent, but only an economically sound America can be a helping America. Only a free and competitive America can be productive and strong. While we spend billions in foreign lands to fight communism, it is almost impossible to get \$10,000 to fight communism here.

It was hard to build America and America's productive institutions. It is often true that many things which, in the end, bring benefits and satisfaction are very hard to get started in the beginning. So it is going to be hard to save America from those who are pushing us and taxing us downhill into a form of state socialism. And there is no time to lose.

The professions of education and medicine are especially under attack. That is not news. You all know it. But, we cannot intelligently fight our battle without knowing the details and strategy of the larger world conflict of which our battle is such an important part.

The cruel, calculating semioriental despot in the Kremlin now controls the minds and bodies of about half the world population, all of those behind the iron curtain and some in our midst who voluntarily serve him. Only in America, one-fifteenth of the world's population, is there a militant will to resist by a group able and large enough to resist.

Freedom, your freedom, is easily lost. Like a house or a temple that is laboriously builded by many years of painstaking toil, freedom may be leveled into the dust of slavery by a moment's explosion of conspiratorial schemes, or it may decay from lack of use and failure to care for and preserve its institutions. You have your daily papers. You have read about this very thing happening in two score or more of the political nations of this world. Only one great temple of liberty remains strong and founded on the great rock of American loyalty amid a world of socialist debris and communist dust. It is the Republic of the United States of America, and it will take more than military power to preserve it.

The story is told of Colonel Weatherby, a Union cavalry officer, who when in command of a hungry regiment, dispatched a company to round up and sabre some hogs running loose. They failed, but some equally hungry infantry men constructed a rude pen and succeeded in driving the juicy porkers into it.

'So,' exclaimed Colonel Weatherby, 'the pen is in reality mightier than the sword.'

Today, communist Stalin is conquering great nations with the pen of propaganda; nations he could never take with the sword.

We Americans may maintain all the forms and formulas of a democracy having lost its essential spirit and principles. One writer has well said: 'The encroachment upon our liberties may not be overt—by repeal of any of the constitutional guaranties—but they may be insidious and no less potent through encroachment upon the checks and balances which make its security. More particularly does the weakening of the legislative arm lead to encroachment by the executive upon the legislative and judicial functions, and inevitably that encroachment is upon individual liberty.'

'If we examine the fate of wrecked republics over the world, we shall find first a weakening of the legislative arm \* \* \* It is in the legislative halls that liberty commits suicide, although legislative bodies usually succeed in maintaining their forms. For 200 years, the Roman Senate continued as a scene of social distinction and noisy prattle after it had surrendered its responsibilities and the Roman state had become a tyranny.'

Liberty is never lost to a nation until it is lost in the souls of the men who compose that nation.

I feel safe in asserting that it is both obvious and apparent that we, today, are the beneficiaries of the courageous past achievements of our forefathers in political liberty and political institutions. But not only are we the present beneficiaries, we are the trustees of the future. In our hands rests all that is precious in America. Shall we let this priceless privilege of living in a land of freedom and opportunity be snatched from our fingers by old world conspirators with a cruel lust for world power? Shall we, I ask? The answer is yours to make. Will you continue to be more alert than your enemy, better informed and aggressively support our constitutional institutions? All your enemy needs is apathy and indifference and he will succeed.

We are, you are, the trustees of the future. It is your high privilege to preserve the best in America, to improve it, and to pass it on to posterity, your children and mine. We can, in honor and integrity, do no less. No sacrifice is too great to accomplish this.

The central theme in the present Communist Party line attack on our American Government is to agitate for every possible expense, to goad us into spending America into bankruptcy. Like it or not, that is the record wherever communists and their pupils gain office in America. They propose that we should knock ourselves out in our own training center. In 1924, Lenin boasted, 'One day we will force the United States to spend itself into destruction.' A bankrupt government is easy prey to a foreign foe. The communists know this from experience. It has always been in a financial crisis that they have succeeded in overthrowing republics. You have read the story in your papers and magazines repeatedly. Financial troubles in government, weakness of defense, confusion and dissension among the people and the 'Reds' take over.

I have heard the argument advanced that perhaps we should try communism and see if it is better or worse. That is something you can't do. You can't try communism any more than you can try arsenic or cyanide. Communism is permanent; it is fatal to freedom. It represents the total loss of your right to change your mind.

Imagine, with me if you can, a Russian workman stepping up to Big Joe and saying, 'I've had enough of you. I've changed my mind. I'm going to try a change in administration.'

The Russian workman would get a change, and quick, but not the kind you or I would be looking for. It is this right to change your mind that is safeguarded and provided for in the great American Constitution.

Currently, the Communist Party is operating in America through front organizations. In communist textbooks that American Communist Party members are required by party discipline to study and follow, Lenin and Stalin both repeatedly have instructed their followers to always keep the greater portion of their numbers concealed and not apparent to the public. Only 5 percent are to be known in the public communist organization. It is puerile to fear driving communists underground. They are underground already and always have been. They are determined never to be above ground until they rise to strike us all down.

Some 5,000 of these front organizations have been set up in America under communist direction and control. Hundreds of the larger ones have been identified and published by the Attorney General of the United States and by congressional and state investigating committees. Publicity is our greatest weapon of defense. The American people have always decided wisely, when correctly informed, but they must have information to combat the deceit of the conspirators.

It has been noncommunists organized under the control of communists that have overthrown Czechoslovakia and a long list of Old World republics. Communists faithfully follow the dictates of Stalin to keep the Communist Party small in numbers by frequent purges, small but well disciplined. There was a large purge in California in 1948. Hundreds were expelled. The Communist Party is only the handle of the dagger that draws the life-blood of free governments. The long, sharp blade is made up of noncommunists stupidly participating in communist-controlled front organizations.

Communists boasted that they would make noncommunists overthrow the liberties of the Czech people and they did. Not only that, but they have the same organizations communist-controlled in this Country. Patiently they are building them and seeking places of power in government.

Many groups in America are becoming alert to the menace and expelling known communists. Large segments of labor have cleaned house and put only Americans in control.

The literary works of Stalin, and he is a prolific writer, teach communists to hide in noncommunist organizations and to seek controlling positions against the day of revolution. Communists would make of the liberal political organizations of this Country a screen and camouflage for their work. When our committee has attempted to expose communists, too many liberals have served the communist cause by rising to defend the communists. With everything to lose if the communists take over,



the intelligent liberal cooperates with our committee and helps to expose the communist termites in their midst.

This is no time to restrict political liberty, but the time of all times to strengthen and preserve it. However, political liberty is intended for loyal people, dissenters and supporters alike of our Government who purpose in their hearts to preserve liberty if they come to power. It is not for revolutionary conspirators that would destroy it.

Listen to this! William Foster, Chairman of the Communist Party of America, has written, and I quote, '*nevertheless the working class itself cannot come into power without civil war.*'

I quote from the communist manifesto itself, '*communists openly declare that their ends can only be obtained by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions.*'

Communists preach and advocate civil war. Communists are war mongers. I quote Vladimir Lenin, '*the replacement of the bourgeois by the proletarian state is impossible without a violent revolution.*'

I quote from Joseph Stalin's own book, '*the dictatorship of the proletariat is a revolutionary power based on violence against the bourgeoisie. To put it briefly: the dictatorship of the proletariat is the domination of the proletariat over the bourgeoisie untrammelled by law and based on violence.*' The Chinese republic and liberty fell in civil war instigated and supplied by the Soviets. The same civil war tactics would have conquered Korea except for our intervention. The pattern fits perfectly.

Again I quote another of Stalin's books, '*The dictatorship of the proletariat \* \* \* can come only as the result of the destruction of the bourgeoisie state, of the bourgeoisie army \* \* \* and of the bourgeoisie police.*'

I quote Stalin again, '*We must therefore regard the dictatorship of the proletariat, the transition from capitalism to communism \* \* \* as an entire historical epoch full of civil wars \* \* \* .*' W-A-R-S.

These are the marching orders of world communism. They have no place in free America. Neither have communists any constitutional rights to conspire to bring about civil war in America and the destruction of our free government. We must not allow America to be confused. We cannot afford to be mistaken. Eight hundred million enslaved people in this world are a strong argument against being mistaken. It is long past time that the judges of our Nation in the court rooms, and in their decisions, quit confusing political liberty with conspiratorial revolution and civil war. By contrast our Constitution is the greatest peace document in history. I quote:

*We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of*

*liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*

This is not the language of a suicide pact. It is the declaration of resolute men determined to defend their freedom at any cost. These constitutional liberties were not intended for those who are conspiring to destroy them.

It is also long past time that all Americans get out of these communist-front organizations, and come out clearly and unequivocally for America and American institutions. I can see how some loyal Americans can be induced by the liberal bait of the communists to join some of these front organizations ignorantly, out of sympathy for the underdog they claim to want to help. But if they remain in these fronts after their true character is exposed and published by the Attorney General, and by the national and state investigating committees, they are without excuse. A citizen of America who will not take a clear-cut stand in defense of America against the war-mongering communists is just no good. Those who support the communists are just aiding, and abetting, treasonable conspiracy against our liberties.

In this perilous situation our chief danger lies within America itself. Some admittedly well intentioned people have done the communists more service and more good than the communists could possibly have accomplished for themselves. We must persuade Americans to be loyal, or we perish.

The road to safety lies in keeping our freedom of speech for loyal American political groups, liberal and conservative, left or right; but, also, in aggressive popular education and persuasion on the merits of American institutions.

I call upon you as my witnesses here tonight that there is no place in the Constitution, nor in the immortal Declaration of Independence that guarantees any results. These documents only safeguard an opportunity for the American people to establish and maintain liberty and to provide national defense against all attack, within or without. They will not work themselves. We cannot have liberty and peace without effort any more than we can have bread without labor, and toil. Our Constitution is entirely in the language of opportunity, a chance to achieve for the people of America.

In the hands of the people is lodged the supreme power to preserve or to neglect. Along with power also goes the work and worry of responsibility. This responsibility must be borne by human shoulders cost what it may in sacrifice and effort. It has been well said that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty and it might have been added continual effort and service.

We must have citizens; we must have officials; we must have popular leaders willing to make the sacrifices of both time and ease, willing to

give up their pleasures and comforts to continually defend our institutions and to aggressively champion in the market place of public opinion our American ideals. There must be a continuous process of public education by public leaders, unselfishly given, to persuade each new generation of citizens to keep America free, and strong.

Of course, if the time comes that American men will no longer willingly die to defend the Constitution, it will fall. It is equally true that if the time comes that American men and women will no longer give of their lives, their substance and their time to defend and serve the Constitution in peace, it will be ignored and overthrown.

There must always be an adequate number of citizens willing to accept the obligations, the responsibilities and the hardships of public office to make our Government work. These must be men and women above the base motives of the spoilsmen, who cannot be intimidated by organized self-seekers nor corrupted by stealthy manipulators.

This neglect of duty has led to the breakdown of government in many countries. The indolent Italian citizen, rather than face the criticism and strife of public life, was willing to accept a 'leader.' In the cruel service of that leader, the peace-loving Italian gave a thousand times the labor that maintenance of his free constitutional government would have required of him. In addition, he paid in pools of the blood of his sons and unchecked tears of his family.

And what shall I say of the Germans who neglected to keep their constitutional republic and voluntarily chose a fuhrer. In exchange for their freedom they got poverty, destruction of homes and loss of livelihood, wounds without number, death and a national and racial condemnation and dishonor on the unchangeable pages of history. All because they would not accept the petty duties and responsibilities of free government. Freedom will not work itself. It is but an opportunity. We must grasp it and use it or become slaves.

There are potential Hitlers, Stalins, and Mussolinis in every country. I ask you seriously today where is there an adequate and forceful textbook to teach our youth the comparative rights and privileges of American citizenship? Loyal teachers are working without tools. In our law schools the subject of larceny is taught, but they do not get thieves to teach it. In our schools we must aggressively teach the evils of totalitarian forms of government. We must aggressively teach the perils of communism, but we need not, we must not, have communists teach it, any more than we would have criminals teach in our law schools.

The thing to be afraid of today in America is that we do not give an effective testimony to our youth of the value of American institutions and what they have cost in the history of our race. We should be afraid that communist and socialist material and propaganda is not matched, answered and exposed. If it isn't, our way of life here in the

wonderland of the world will go by default, through a series of persistent half-truths and outright lies against the American institutions we hold dear.

Single communist periodicals have a paid circulation exceeding the combined circulation of anticommunist periodicals. Communist propaganda is big business. It is profitable business in America today.

Today, this world cold war has so intensified that it has included a fight to have a religion of our own. Both Christianity and Judaism are under the attack of this great onslaught on liberty. When the history is written of the present day Jewish people, the communist cruelties to them will rank with all others.

If America is ever betrayed, it will be by intellectuals. The hearts of the great bulk of the common people are sound and loyal. Where is the danger today? Let me ask you some questions about our public information.

Has Chiang Kai-shek changed in China? As lately as 1944 he was a hero. Chiang was still publicized by press and commentators as the George Washington of China. Now he is corrupt, heaped with contempt even by officials. What has he done?

In 1944 he was fighting Japan. Now he is resisting Russian Communism; with many this is an unpardonable sin.

Why is the heroic leader of our Federal Bureau of Investigation roundly criticized? He was a hero in picking up Nazi agents. Now he has committed the unpardonable sin of ferreting out the agents of Russian espionage. This makes a difference with some people who have the power to set the styles in thought.

Has there been a change in the meaning and use of the phrase 'One World'? In the early forties we were told that loss of liberty to any Chinese or Filipino affected us. Cruelty to the eastern Europeans or to the Belgians by the Nazis affected us. Freedom was indivisible we were told over and over again.

Today, there are no such speeches. Freedom is no longer indivisible. It is now bad form to be concerned about the slave laborers in Russia, Hungary, or Czechoslovakia.

You say the communists will never win a majority of the American people. America will never go communist. Of course not. But where did the communists ever get a majority? They do not expect to get a majority nor do they seek it. All they want is apathy. Majorities have been proven powerless to protect themselves time and again. Majorities lose their liberty in times of unguarded weakness when attacked by well disciplined small communist conspiracies.

I hope you are in this fight to the end whether that end be a Soviet prison or American honor and freedom.



Now, it is also another common mistake to insist on perfection in everyone who challenges communism. You will not find that perfection this side of the Gloryland. The men who are staking their all in the fight to protect American freedom are human men, and sometimes their errors are shown up. But remember, they are errors made on your behalf, they are on your team. They would protect your home and life.

Don't you realize we are at war, a war of ideas but just as effective and deadly a war as one of bullets. Czechoslovakia, conquered by political conspiracy, has no more liberty than Poland, conquered by the marching Red Army.

To match the communist-front organizations, I would urge every service club, every lodge, and every civic and veteran organization to select an Americanism chairman and committee, and make them responsible for an alert and thorough study of the duties of American citizens to prepare themselves to meet the alien conspirators' arguments in the meeting place of public opinion and free speech and trust that the truth and the great facts of America will win out in the contest for the control of the lives and hearts of America.

Join up in this, the greatest fight of the age. Get into action to preserve your homeland from this enslaving despotism, pretending to offer benefits to make suckers of us.

The best answer to the communist-front organizations is to activate every club and lodge for Americanism, make of all our civic, fraternal and veterans' groups front organizations for loyal Americanism and a sincere devotion to unselfish service of our Republic *in peace* as well as in war.

Just typical American neighborly helpfulness to each other in business, trade, and employment, and governmental activity with outspoken loyalty to our Constitution will prevail before the bar of public opinion.

Free speech is for use. Put on the uniform of courage and close up our ranks. Challenge the alien propaganda whether in politics, social, or religious circles. Gratefully be loyal to our incomparable heritage of freedom and opportunity. Free speech is yours to use. Speak out for home and native land.

Let us each here and now pledge ourselves to pass down to our sons and daughters, the great American birthright of freedom."