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## MEMORANDUM

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Hon. Kenneth S. Wherry U.S. Senator from Nebraska Senate Office Building Washington, D. C.

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Senator Wherry to leave Chicago on November 9th m Flight 621 -- United Air Lines -- 11:00 A. M. out of Chicago, arrive in San Francisco 5:00 P. M. November 9th.

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Senator Kenneth S. Wherry

DAYLETAER
November 9, 1949

Mr. Paul W. Watson
coo National Retail Lumber Dealers Convention Hotel Fairmont
San Francisco, California
SENATOR WHERRY DUE TO ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO FIVE P. M. TODAY. HE IS STAYING AT FATRMONT. SHOULD THINK YOU COULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH HIM FOR RADIO TIME EITHER THURSDAY MORNING OR AFTERNOON.

LORE KENNEDY, SECRETARY TO SENATOR WHERRY

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HON. KENNETH S. WHERRY
USS from Nebraska

## I. INTRODUCTION

It is a pleasure to address your organization once again $x^{--}$thanks for your hospitality.

It is an honor, indeed, -- to join you, -- and the people of California, -- in celebrating the looth Anniversary of the 49 ers .

God grant that America might today have the spirit of the 49 ers .

They met their problems with courage and fortitude; -they weren't spoon-fed by bureaucrats; -- they weren't promised security, -- they didn't come to California under directives, rules, -- regulations, -- or government red tape.

On, no, -- they fought their way to victory over obstacles that beset them every inch of the way.

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They were free onterpriserg in the truest sense of the word.

The 49ers depended upon their own initlative, -irucality, -- and enterprise to pioneer the west.

The incentive of roward spured them onward.

And, when they got their reward, -- there were no
strings attached. In their day, -- the government -- didn't take it away from them. They enriched themselves and the nation.

It was upon that kind of frugality - and that spirit of dynamic adventure, - that the state of callform and our country were built.

And, it is only with that spirit of the $49 \mathrm{ers},--$ and the dependence upon God-given attributes, -- that the American people over have, on ever w111, -- moet their problems as a nation.

The 49 ers had fakers in thoir day. They called them

## "medicine mon", for they could spot them a mile away.

 And the promisers of today, $-\infty$ promisers of freemedicine, - Ere education, - Ire housing, - and ilfetime security, - are using the same old tricks. But, they are
wrapped up in a different package, -- labeled abundance, --
happiness, - security, -- peace, -- prosperity, -- and cont entment.

The $49 e r s$ called it a gold brick. Today, it is the welfare state.

All the gold dug by the 49 er , -- would not pay the
first installment on the welfare state. And the direction

America is being led, -- points to bankruptcy more devastating than the atomic bomb.

## II. AMERICA ON THE ROAD TO SOCIALISM

Oh, yes, - there are those who say it can't happen
here, -- but it is happening here.

And, yet, -- when those ryinous policies are challenged
the President says - we are using scare words.

## Well, let's see if these are scare words?

If the Administration's bill to give the President, - one man, -- absolute power to put cellings over prices and wages,and 11 oors under prices and wages /-- is not Pascism, -- what is it?

If giving the President, -- one man - power to build
and operate ste日l and other plants in competition with private industry, -- is not socialism, -- what is 1t?

If federalized education, -- thought control, -- is
not statism, -- what is 1t?

If compulsory health insurance, $-m$ managed and
directed by the Government, -- is not government control of the

Ilves of the people, - what is it?

If govermment, -- all taxpayers, -- paying part of the
cost and rental of homes, - for some of the people, -dictating the design, - size, - and type of house they shall Ifve in, $-1 s$ not socialism, -- what is it?

If the making of foreign trade agreements in secret, --
and refusal by the President to explain when he cuts tariff
rates to ruinous levels for American industries and agriculture, --
is not statism, -- what is 1 t?

And worst of all, -- is the Brannan plan, -- a plan
to sovletize the farmers. It is a swindle.

Under it farmers would work for the government. They would produce surpluses of $100 \mathrm{~d},-$ so that prices would be low. The farmers would be pald a production subsidy, - and the American taxpayers would pick up the check.

Whenever the farmers are forced to stand with tin cups In their hands, -- in exchange for their freedom, - then a long step toward complete regimantation of the food industry, from
producer to consumer, - will have been taken.
III. WHY TRADE OFF THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE?

Fellow-Americans, -- with only one-sixteenth of the earth's population, -- the American people have more of the good things in iffe than any other country, -- the biggest share of electric power, -- radios, -- television equipment, -telephones, -- automobiles, -bathtubs, - steel capacity, -and 11 fe insurance policies. We have the most schools, - the most churches, -- and the best health record.

That is what we have done under the competitive enterprise systom, -- with ireedom of opportunity. Of course, - we want to improve the oducational
standards, -- and reach higher and higher goals; --

Of course, - we want to improve and expand our medical
facilities, -

Of course, -we want to guild more and better
homes, - to shelter the people of this land.

And, of course, -- we want to build more industries, --
that w111 1 increase our productivity, - and provide more jobs at good wages.

This was done by the 1849ers; - and it can be done by
the 1949ers.

Do you want to trade this system of competitive
enterprise, - under state and local self-Government, for
socialism, -- and let government bosses use your money, to
do the things, - - they think they can do better than you can do yourself?

The President recently stated that those of us, --
who take 1 issue with his welfare state proposals, -- are 160
years bend the times, -- that our thinking goes back to

1789, -- and, incidentally, -- Californians, -- that goes back

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beyond the $490 r s$.


Well, fellow-Americans, 1789 was a glorious year in the history of mankind.

George Washington, -- who gave us a lot of good advice, - was then establishing our Republic. Alexander Hamilton, - who believed in a balanced budget, -- was organizing our monetary system.

Thomas Jefferson, -- was extolling the
dignity of the individual, -- championing states rights, -- home rule.

James Madison, - as a member of the First

Congress, --was then drafting the Bill of Rights.

And, -- strange as it may seem, - in 1789, -- hall
the world was not beating a path to our door, - to get cash armand
and goods to/support them. On, no, .- but let me remind you, --
there was a great rejoloing by froodomoling people, around the world, -- that the new Republic - America - had been born. These principles, -- upon which our Republic was established, -- freedom of rellgion, -- ireodom of speech, -freedom of choice, -- ireedom for competitive enterprise, -yes, - and freedom from the lash of government bosses, - are just as immutable today as they were in 1789.

> But those principles are being blacked out.

Socialism and its iront-runner communism are
spreading their evil doctrine over other parts of the word; -and the backwash is infiltrating right into the heart of our government.

Fellow-Americans: - our ireedoms and rights are not
self-perpetuating.

Has the moral ifber of the American people become so weakened by 16 years of orders, -- directives, -- controls, -and handouts, -- that they just don't care?

Is their spirit broken?

Or do they think more of illusory promises, --
government paternalism, - security irom the cracilo to the grave, - than they do for their rights and Ilberties, and freedom of choice?

Public opinion, -- when aroused, $-\infty$ is the strongest force in this land, - and it is your job, $-\infty$ and the job of every other American, -- to see to it, -- that the people get the truth, -- that oternal vigilance is still the price of liberty.

## IV. SOCIALISM IS NOT FREE

You thrifty Americans know, -- that none of the socialistic proposals gef free. They all have to be pald for out of the toll and the sweat of the people, - out of their hard-earned dollars, - and their cost of Ilving.

Government can spend only, what it takes from the
people. Now, get ready for a shock:

The Ifrst session of the Eighty-first Congress -
appropriated and authorized -- 50 billion 991 million dollars, --
a new high for all peacetime.

There are 2,100,000 civilians on the federal payroll.

They are increasing at the rate of 10,000 a month, $-\infty$ and the end is not in sight. The authorizations, -- made by the Eighty-ifirst Congress, -- w111 add 75,000 government employees.

No wonder the government spends $\$ 210$ more, than it
takes in, -- every time your watch ticks.

The Census Bureau reports 6 million and 38 thousand
federal, -- state, -- and local employoes, -- as of last

January. That is one out of 10 in the nation's working force. And, it might interest you, who live in California, -to know that on November 2nd, last election year, -- there were more than 196,000 federal civilian omployees right here in California.

Your foderal government is again operating in the
red.

The deficit for this ifiscal year will be 6 billion; --
and double that the next fiscal year.

Deficit spending, -- borrowing to spend, -- mortgaging
the opportunities of future generations of Americans, -- is the order of the day.

The President blames the Federal Treasury deficit on
what he called the rich man's tax-reduction bill, passed by the

Republican Eightieth Congress.

The cold fact is, -- that 71 percent of the 4 billion

800 million dollars in tax relief, -- provided by the Republican

Eightieth Congress, -- went to persons with incomes of less than
$\$ 5000$ a year, -- 71 percent of the dollars saved for them.

The cold iact is, -- that about 7,400,000 taxpayers, --

In the lowest brackets, -were dropped from the tax-roll.

And, the cold pact $1 s$, ,- that the percentages of tax
peductions ranged from 12.6 in the lower brackets, -- down to 5
percent in the top brackets. I ask you: "Is it fair to repeat, over and over again, that this was a rich man's tax bill?"

The President now recommends, increasing taxes.

But with big government spending more, -- with national income falling, -- with productivity knocked in the head by the steel and coal strikes, -- and in the face of a buyers' market supplanting a sellers' market, -- an increase in the nation's tax burden would be a crippling blow to our whole economy. It might be the killing blow.

Why, all of us know, -- the only sound, -- sensible
course, -- is to cut the outrageously high cost of government, -cut out the waste and inepficiency, -- get the government down to size, -- get on a pay-as-you-go basis. Stop the biggest give-away show on earth:

Another defense that the government bosses offer --

18 their effort to make the reckless spending of the Eighty-first

Congress more palatablo is: - that it is necessary for national derense.

But that is no answer to the people for loose, inerficient fiscal policies.

The bi-partisan Hoover Commission, -- on government reorganization found, - that at least 3 billion dollars could be saved by simply oliminating duplication and overlapping, and by efficiency in management of personnel. And it is anybody's guess -- how much is being wasted in our far-flung foreign spending programs.

The same policy of regimentation that the president is
imposing on the American people, -- he is also supporting with their money abroad.
The Senate Majority Leader, -- Senator Scott Lucas
of Illinois, - is now telline the people that critics of the

Administration's spend and spend foraign policy, -- are playing

Stalin's game, - and are more dangerous to America's liberties
than the communists.

The complete, -- devastating answer to that insinuation
is, - that America has poured 35 billion dollars in cash and goods, -- into Europe, under 23 money-spending schemes, -- and those countries are still crying for more.

President Truman's technique leads down the road to
communism, -- because $1 t$ attempts to buy freedom with material things. Great Britain has one crisis right after another, -and France has so many governments, they are in and out before you can say "Jack Robinson".

With tho same reckless disregard of our taxpayers, --

In scattering their money abroad, -- the Administration tosses their hard-earned dollars to pressure groups at home.

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& \text { Lenin, - while Russian dictator in 1824, -- said: - } \\
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"Some day we shall force the United state to spend itself into destruction."

Now, -- I ask senator Lucas, -- a leader of the spend and spend forces in the Congress: -

Who is bankrupting America?

Who is playing into stalin's hands?
Who betrayed Poland?

Who betrayed China?

Who declaims against communism, in Europe, --
and Leaves the back door wide open in Asla?

America acted swiftly and with generosity, -- in
rescuing freedom-loving countries of Europe from the destitution and dovastation, - that confronted them at the ond of the war.

Tools and supplies were provided, - enabling them to get started in recovery, -- and the productivity of these countries now surpasses prewar levels.

The economic problems that now confront those countries can be solved only by them, - - by their own people calling their respective governments to account, -- by sensible trade relations among themselves, -- and by realistic exchange of their currencies.

And, which is more important than all, -- by getting the yoke of spendthrift socialism ofl their backs, - so that competive enterprise and the brains of these countries can go after commerce.

In addition to the grants that have been made by the Administration, -- to finance the social welfare governments abroad, -- further ald has also boon given, by slashing our tariff protections, until America, today, is virtually on a Pree-trade basis.

Under the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, -- passed by the Democrat Eighty-first Congress, -- the President has
absolute, inal power to make trade agreements with fore1gn nations.

As it has been administered, -- there is nothing reciprocal about it. It is a one-way street for forelgn countries to 1 lood the American markets.

Efforts were made by many of us -- to amend the act -to provide that when the president cut tariff rates, below what the Tarifi commission deems is safe, for the survival of American uers. produets, -- then the President would have to report to the Congress and the people, -- his reason for 1 gnoring the commission's advice.

The amendment was defeated and the inevitable result
will be increased imports of farm products, - textiles, -leather goods, -- clothing, -- cutlery, -- dishes, - novelites, -and thousands of articles.

The countries have also dellberately devalued their
currencies, - to keep our goods out of their markets, - and for
the announced purpose of making their goods more attractive in
price to American importers.

They have closed their markets to the American importers
by applying ambargoes, -- quotas,-- bllateral trade agreoments
among themselves, $-\infty$ and with other nations, - and through
various types of controls in their government-managed oconomies.

You Iumber men, - and you business men of the wost
coast, - know what the impact will be of our tariff-cutting, -
and of their currency devaluation and use of other gadgets. It
means closed shops in America, -- workers out of jobs, $-\infty$ and
the American standard of living lowered to the world level.
Tarifi-making by the Administration has become tightly
woven into its political foreign policies, -- just as the

Administration's domestic policies aro mixed into our economic
affairs at home. It is the state Dopartment that calls the turns on tarifi-making.

## V. FOREION ROLIXCIES REGRQNEFBLE FOR ILLS.

Most of the 111 s that confront the unfted states, -
and a large part of the world today, - stem from the agreements made at Quebec, -- Yalta, -- Teheran, -- and Potsdam.

It has been the carrying out of these agreements that
has caused dire trouble at home and abroad.

It was at Quebec, -- that approval was given the

Morgenthau plan, -- to reduce Cermany forever to the status of an agticultural people. Germany was to be stripped of her industries. It has been the enforcement of this revengeful, -stupid plan, -- that has delayed recovery of all Europe. •

It has been costly to the American taxpayers, because Geman plants have been dismantled for the purpose of eliminating compotition with England and France. Hundreds of plants will have to be replaced in the recovery of Europe; - and the sad part is it will be paid for by the American people.

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Everyone saminar crand conts in Europe knows -there can be no general recovery there until Gemany is restorod to prewar productivity.

This can be done, -- and must be done without building a military Frankenstefn.

It was at Yalta that China, -- without her knowlodge or consent, -- was betrayed, -- and her inherent rights handed over to Stalin. That is the genesis of the tragic events in Asia.

At Yalta, - the mortal blow was struck to hundreds of years of Chinose admiration for the United States.

You know the sequence of events in China, -- how the present Administration vacillated, - when a forthrignt policy of support for the Chinese Nationalist Government would have turned the Red tide; -- but instead the Administration insisted upon a coalition with the communists.

How could any one be so naive as to trust, .- that the
Russian dictator would permit free elections in the Belkans?

Why, they were consigned to Russia at Yalta and

Tehoran.

In the light of all that had happened to Poland, -.
and other countries, -- that had been literally taken over
by Russia, - how could our Administration have been so
calloused, - and not know what was cortain to happen to China
as a result of our coddling Russia?

Fellow-Americans, there will be no lasting durable
peace in the world, - unt17 the sins of Quebec, - Yalta, $\rightarrow$

Toheran, - and Potsdam are vashed away.

With the communists now taking over China, - there is danger that all of As1a, - eventually, w111 be brought under the communist hoel. And that would be a billion people, - half the human race.

Some of us in the congressar including youn Senator
Knowland of California, -- made strenuous efforts to have ald
advanced to the Chinese nationalists, while there was still
time. But to no avail. Always the same answer: --
"Wait and see what happens."

And, now, the Red tide has swept to the borders
of Hong-Kong, but still no forthright policy, when the
critical situation cries aloud for action.

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Washington, -- are intensely, -- vitally interested in
developments in Asia.

In the Far East, is the world's great unopened
treasure chest; -- natural resources beyond measure, --
opportunities for development that stagger the imagination.

All of these are slipping away to Red communism, -- all because of appeasement. It is the blackest page in American history, -save one -- Pearl Harbor.

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In Europe, too, our focton policies are a mass of contradictions: -

Support Tito, -- the communist, -- and frown upon Franco, -- the anti-commist; --

Destroy German plants needed for reconstruction,and pour millions of dollars into Germany for relief; --

Guard against cormunism, whilo coddling its
twin brother, socialism.
We have only one potential enemy - the fountain of communism, -- infiltrating across the Atlantic and across the Pacific; -- and our defenses must be prepared with that ract in mind.

Our security can not be hinged to the notion that we alone possess the atom bomb, -- for we are told Russia has achieved an atomic explosion. Nastery of the air is our best guarantee of victory if war comes, -- and please God, - it
shall never come.

From airmbases in North Africa, -- the Midale East, - -

Okinawa, -- Japan, - the Philippines, - and elsowhere, -- our
long-range bombers could punish our potential enomy into
submission.

And, along with the Air ronce, -- we must have an
effective Army and Navy. All are necessary, -- all vital, -
for a unified plan of action, - and it is the responsibility
of the President, $-\infty$ as Commander-1nmChief, $-\infty$ to carry out
the Unification Act passed by the Eightieth Congress.

## V. CONCLUSION

Fellow-Americans: I have an abiding faith in the
wisdom of the American people. Glven the truth, they will
make the right decisions.

Ours is a tolerant people, -.. and slow to anger. But
when aroused, - they move swiftly and act decisively.

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Our liberties and freedoms have been dearly gained.
Within the present generation, -- in two World Wars --
these liberties and freedoms have been victoriously defended.

The pioneers and unbroken line of builders of Amerlca did not finch in the face of trials and adversities, - and I pray that in the crucial test berore us, -- the contest for our cherished froedoms against pagan ideology -- that our Republic will survive.

As we see the confusion in high places of government and our freedoms being snuffed out by spendthrift socialism, this is no time for despair. We accept the challenge of the advocates of a welfare state, -- and we are going to win.

We shall be the Minute Men - the Paul Reveres, -- of

1949, -- and demonstrate once again that the spirit of the "49ers still lives.

America must be strong, -- and prepared to defend her

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security: -- strong economically, - strong inancially, --
strong spiritually.

Amerlca is the best place on earth.

Let's keep it that way.

From the Office of
Sonator Kenneth S. Wherry ( $\mathrm{Ru}_{\mathrm{w}}$, Neb.)

For Releaso to Afternoon
Nowspapors, Novomber 10, 1949

> Follaring is the toxt of an Addross by Unitod Statos Sonator Konnath Se Whorry, Nobrasiza, at the Nooting of tho National Rotail Lumbor Doalors Association, San Francisco, Ccliformia, Thursday, Novombor 10, 1949)

It is a plocisuro to addross your organization onco again. And it is an honor, indood, to join you, and tho pooplo of California, in colobrating tho looth Annivorsary of tho "sGars.

God grant that imorica continuos to find inspiration in tho spirit of tho "49urs. Thoy mot thoir probloms with courago and fortitudo. Thoy woron't spoon-Rod by buronucrats. Thoy moron't promisod socurity. Thoy didn't come to Colifomia undor diroctivos from or through tho patornaistic pomission of their govormont.

Thoy chosc frocly to como Wast, and thoy provailod ovor obstaclos that bosot thun ovory inch of the way. Thoy moro froc ontorprisors in tho truost sonso of tho word. Tho iggors dopondod upon tinoir om initiativo, frugality, and ontorpriso to pionsor the west. Tho incontive of roward spurrod thom onward.

And, whon thoy got thair roward, thoro woro no strings attochod. In thoir day, tho govormont dien't toko it avay from thom. Whoy onrichod thomsolvos and tho nation.

It was upon that kind of frumality, and thet spirit of dynamic advonturo, that tho Stato of Califormia and our country woro built. And, it is only with thet soirit of tho 490 s , and tho dopondonco upon God-givon attributos, that tho Amoricon pooplo ovor havo, or ovor will, moct thoir probloms as a nation.

Tho '49ors had fokors in their day. Thoy callod thom "modicino mon". Thoy could spot thon a milo arry. and tho promisors of today; promisors of froo modicino, froo oducation, froo housing, and lifotimo onso and scourity, aro using tho somo old tricks. But, thoy aro wropod up in o difforont packago, labolod abundanco, hapinoss, socurity, ponce, prospority, nad contontmont. Tho '49ers collod it $a$ gold brick. Today, jit is tho wolforo stato. All tho gold dug by tho '49ors would not pay tho first installmont on tho wolforo stato And tho diroction imorica is boing lod, points to bonkruptoy moro dovostating than the atomic bomb.

Oh, ros, thoro ara thoso tho scy it an't hoppon horo. But it is happoning horc Yot, thon thoso ruinous policios aro challongod, tho Prosidont says we aro usiag scaro words. Woll, lot's soo if thoso oro scaro words?

If tho Adranistration's bill to givo tho Prosidont, one man, absoluto powor to put coilings ovor pricos and wagos, and floors under pricos and wagos, is not fascism, what is it? If giving tho Prosidont, ono man, powor to build and oporato stool and othor pla nts in compotition with privato industry, is not socialism, what is it? If fodoralizod education, thought control, is not statism, what is it? If compulsory hoolth insuranco, managed and diroctod by tho Govormont, is not govorniont control of tho livos of tho pooplo, what is it?

If govornmont, all taxpayors, paying part of tho construction cost and rontal of homos for somo of tho pooplo, dictating tho dosign, sizo and typo of houso thoy shall livo jn, is not socialism, what is it?

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Undor it formers would worls for tho govormont. Thoy would produce surplusos of hood so that pricos would bo low. Tho farmars rould bo faid a producm tion subsidy, and tho movicon taxpayors would pick up tho chock.

Whonovor tho for.nors aro foreod to stond rith tin cups in thoir hends in oxchango for thoir froodon, thon a long stop toward comploto rogimontation of tho food industry, from producor to consumor, will havo boon tokon.

Followmoricans, with only oncsixtocnth of tho oarth's population, the morican pooplo hevo moro of tho good things in lifo then any othor country; tho biggost shoro of olcctric poror, radios, tolovision oquipnont, tolophonos, autonobilos, bathtubs, stocl capacity, and lifo insurance policios. Wo havo the most schools, tho rost churchos, and tho bost hoolth rocord.

Theit is what wo heva achioved undor the conpotitivo ontorpriso systom, with froodon of opportunity. Of courso, wo want to irprovo tho oducational standards, and roach highor and highor gools. Of courso, wo wont to improvo and oxpand our nodicol facilitiose of courso, wo went to build moro and bottor homos, to sholtor tho pooplo of this lond. ind, of courso, wo want to bujld moro industrics that will incroaso our productivity, and provido floro jobs at good wages. This was dono by tho 13490 s, and it cen bo dono by tho $l 9490 \mathrm{~s}$.

Do you mant to trado this systom of comotitivo ontorpriso under stato and locnl solfegovornmont, for socinlisn? Do you wont to lot govarmont bossos uso your monoy to do tho things thoy think they onn do bottor than you anin do yoursolf?

Tho Prosidont rocontly statos that thoso of us, who tako issuo with his molforo stato proposcis aro 160 yoors bohind tho timos, that our thinking goos back to 1789. Holl, 1789 mas a glorious yonr in tho history of mnkind.

Goorgo Vashington, who gavo us a lot of gond advico, was then ostablishe ing our Ropublic. sloxandor Wanilton, who boliovod in n balancod budgot, was organizing our nonctary systom. Thones Jofforson, was oxtolling the dignity of the individunl, chorpionine statos' rights, and homo rulo. Jonos lladison, as o momber
of the First Congross, was thon drafting the Bill of $\mathrm{lij}_{\mathrm{j}} \mathrm{ghts}$, And, strango as it may scom, in 1789 , half tho pooplo of tho world woro not boating a path to our door, to get cash and goods to arm and support thomsolvos. Oh, no, but lot mo romind you, thoro was a graat rojoicing by froodom-loving pooplo around tho world that tho now Ropublic of imorico had boon borme

Thoso principlos upon which our Ropublic was ostablishod; froodom of roligion, froodom of spooch, froodom of choico, froodon for compotitive ontorpriso, yos, and frocdom from tho lash of govormont bossas, aro just as immutablo today as they worc in 1789.

But thoso principles aro boing blackod outo Socialisn and its frontm runnor, comunism, aro sproading thoir ovil doctrino ovor othor parts of tho world and tho backvosh is infiltrating right into tho hoart of our govornnont.

Follow-Anoricans, our froodons and rights aro not solf-porpotuating.
Has the moral fibor of tho Mmorican pooplo bocomo so wookonod by 16 yoars of ordors, diroctivos, controls, and handouts that thoy just don't caro?

Is thoir spirit brokon? Do thoy think noro of i!lusory promisos, govarnont patornalisn and socurity from the oradlo to tho graves than thoy do for thojr rights and libertios and froodom of choico?

Public opinion, whon arousod, is tho strongest forco in this land. It is your job, and tho job of ovory othor morican, to soo to it that the pooplo novor loso sight of tho truth; that otornal vigilanco is still tho prico of liborty.

You thrifty finaricans knov that none of tho socialistic proposals is froc. Thoy all havo to bo paid for out or tho toil and swoat of tho pooplo; out of their hardmoornod dollars, and thoir cost of livingo Govornmont can spend only that it takos from tho paoplo. So, got rondy for a shocks

Tho first sossion of the Eighty-first Congross appropriatod and authorizod 50 billion 991 nillion dollars, a now high for all poacotino.

Thero aro $2,100,000$ civilions on tho fodoral payroll. They aro incroasing at tho rato of 10,000 a month, and tho ond is not in sighto tho authorizations mado by the Eightymitirst Congross will add 75,000 govormront orployoas. No wondor tho eovornmont sponds 210 moro than it takos ing ovory tino your watch ticks

Tho Corsus Buroau roports 6 million and 38 thousand fodoralg stato and local omployoos, as of last January. That is ono out of 10 in tho nation:s working forcoo And, it night intorost you who livo in California, to know that on Novanbor 2 nd , last oloction yoar, thoro woro moro than 196,000 fodoral civilion omployoos right horo in California.

Your fodoral govomant is again oporating in tho rodo Tho doficit for this fiscal proar will bo 6 billion; - and doublo that tho noxt fiscol year.

Doficit spondings borroming to spond, mortgaging tho opportunitios of
futuro genorations of draricans, is tho ordor of tho dayo
Tho Prosidont blanos tho Fodoral Troasury deficit on what ho collod the rich-man's tox-roduction bill, passca by tho Ropublican Eightioth Congross.

Tho cold foct is, that 71 porcont of tho 4 billion 800 million dollars in tax reliof provided by the Ropublican Fightioth Congress, wont to porsons with incomes of loss than $\$ 5000$ a yoar, 71 porcent of tho dollars savod for them.

The cold fact is, that about $7,400,000$ taxpayors in tho lowost brackets woro dropped fron tho tax-roll.

Anc, tho cold fact is, thet the purcontages of tax roductions rangod from 12.6 in tho lorror brackots, dom to 5 poroant in tho top brackots. I ask you: Is it fair to ropoat, oror and ovor again, that this mas a rich man's tax bill?

Tho Prosicont now rocomonds inoronsing taxos. But with big eovormont sponding moro, with national inoono folling, with productivity staggorod by the stool and coal strilros, and in tho faco of a buyors' marlot supplanting a sollors* marleot, an incroaso in tho nation's tax burdon would bo a crippling blow to our wholo oconony. It might bo tho killing blow.

Why s.ll of us know that tho only sound, sonsiblo courso is to cut the outrogoously high cost of govommont; cut out tho wasto and inofficioncy, got tho gorornmont dorm to sizo, get on a paymamyou-go basis. Stop the biggost givomaray show on oarths
finother dofonso thet tho govormont bosscs offor, in thois offort to mako the rockloss sponding of tho Eichtymirst Congross moro palatablo, is that it is nocossory for notional dofonso. But that is no anstror to the pooplo for looso, inofficiont fiscol policioso

The bi-partisan Hootor Comission on Gorommont roorganization found that at loast 3 billion dollars could bo scivod by simply clininating duplication and ovorlapping. and by officioncy in menagonont of porsomol. And it is anym body's guoss as to how much is boine wastod in our for-flung foroign sponding prograns.

The sono policy of roginentation that tho Prosidont is intont upon imposing on the whorican pooplo, ho is also supporting with thoir monoy abroad.

The Soncto Majority Londor, Sonator Scott Lucas of Illinois, is now tolling tho poopla that critics of tho drinistration's spond and spond for oign policy aro playing Stalin's gomo, and aro moro dangorous to dinorica's libortios than tho cocrunistse

Tha complotos dovastating answor to that insinuation iss that Amorica has pourod 35 billion dollars in cash and goocs into liuropo, uncor 23 monoym sponding schonos, and thoso countrios aro still cryine for roroo

Prosidont Truman's tocliniquo loads dom the road to commnisn, bocauso it attompts to buy froodom with natorial things Groat Britain has ono crisis right after anothor, and fronco has so mony govommonts, thoy aro in and out boforo you can say "Jack Rubinson".

With tho somo rockloss disrogar of our taxpayors, in scattoring thoir monoy abroad, tho dduinistration tossos thoir hardmornod dollars to prossuro groups at home.

Lonin, -- whila Russian diotator in 1924, said: "Some day we shall foree tho United Statos to spend itsole into dostruction."

Now, I ask Sonator Lucas, a loador of tho spond and spond forcos in tho Congross: --

Who is bankrupting Nurica?
Who is playing into Stolir's homds?
Who botrayod Poland?
Who botrayod Chira?
Who doclains against comunism, in Europo, and loavos tho back door wido opon in issia?

Arorica actod swiftly ond with gonorosityg in roscuing froodom-loving countrios of Furopo fron tho lostitution and dovastation that confrontod thon at tho ond of the waro
:Tools and supplios woro providod, onabling thon to got startod in racovory, and tho productivity of thoso countrios now surpassos prowar lovols.

Tho cononic problons that now confront thoso countrios can bo solvod only by thon, by thoir ow pooplo calling their rospoctivo govormonts to acount, by sonsiblo trado rolations anone thansclvos, and by roalistic exohango of thoir curroncioso
inn, nost important of 011 , thoy must froo thowsolvos fron tho yoko of spondthrif't socialisr, so that comotitivo ontorpriso and tho croativo brains of thosc countrios can agcin function for tho mutuol prospority and woll-boing OL all thoir pooplo

In addition to tho grants that haro bocn mado by tho Unitod Statos to financo tho social wolfaro govemmonts abroad, furthor aid has also boon givon by slashine our tariff protoctions, until Morica, today, is virtually on a froo-trado basis.

Under tho Rociprocal Trado Lecreononts det, passod by tho Donocrat Eighty first Congross, tho Prosiciont has absoluto, final powor to rako trado agroomonts with foroign nations. As it has boon administorod, thoro is mothing rociprocal about it. It is a cnowray stroot for foroign countrios to flood tho Anoricen mariotso

Efforts woro nacio by nany of us to anond tho act, to provido that

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whon tho Prosidont cut tariff ratos bolow what the Tariff cormission dooms is safe for tho survival of Anorican producors, thon tho Prosidont would hovo to roport to tho Congross and tho pople his reason for irnoring tho conmission's advico. The Ancondrent was cofoatod and tho inovitablo rosult will bo incrassed inports of lumbor, fom prociucts, toxtilos, loothor goods, clothing, cutlory, dishos, novoltios and thousands of articlos.
ifany countrios havo also doliberatoly devaluod thoir currencios, to koop our goods out of thoir marlots ond for tho announcod purposo of making thoir goods roro attractivo in prico to Anorican importors.

Thoy havo closod thoir markots to tho Morionn importors by applying ombargoos, quotas and bilatoral trado agrooments ainong thensolvos, and through various typos of controls within thoir govormontmanagod oconomios.

You lumbor non, and 0.1 businoss mon of tho Wast Coast, know what tho impaot will bo of our tariffecutting, whon combinod with foroign curroncy dovaluation and tho uso of other gadgots. It moans closod shops in Morica, workors out of jobs, and the inorican stondard of living lovorod to tho world lovol.

Tariff-raking by tho Adranistration has bocomo tightly wovon into its political foroign policios, just as the Adrinistration's political donostic policios arc mix od into our oconomic affairs at honc. It is the Stato Dopartment that calls tho turns on tarifimmakinge

Most of tho ills that coniront the Unitod Statos and a largo part of tho world today, ston from tho acroomonts mado at Quoboc, Yalta, Tohoran and Potsdon. It has boon tho carrying out of thoso agroononts that hos causod dire troublo at hono and obroad.

It was at Quoboc, that aproval was givon tho Moreenthau Plon to roduco Gomany forovor to tho status of on agricultural pooplce Gormany was to bo strippod of hor industrios. It has boon tho onforconont of this vongoful. stupid plan that has dolayod rocovory of all Europo.

It has boon costly to tho Anoricon tampayors, bocauso Goman plants have boon dismantlod for tho purposo of olininating compotition with England and France. Hundrods of plants will havo to bo roplacod in tho rocovery of Europo, and tho bill will bo paid by tho dioricon pooplo.

Evoryono faniliar with onditions in Europo knows that thoro can bo no conoral rocovory thoro until Garmany is rostorad to provar productivity. Thjis can bo dono, and must bo dono without building a military Frankonstoin.

It was at Yalta that Chine, without hor lmorlodgo or consont, was botrayod and hor inhoront rights handod ovor to Stalin. That is tho genosis of tho tragic ovonts in hsia Yolta was a mortal blow to hundrods of yoars of Chinoso admiration for tho Unjtod Statos.

You know tho soquonco of ovonts in China; how tho presont Adninistram tion vacillated whon a forthright policy of support would have turnod tho Rod tido; but instead, tho A dninistration insistod upon a coalition with tho communistso

How oould any one bo so noivo as to trust that tho Russian dictator would parmit froo oloctions in tho Ablkans? Yo'g, tho Balkans woro consigned to Russia at Yalta and Tohorano

In tho light of all that hod happonod to Poland and othor countrios that had boon litorally takon ovor by Russia, how could our Administration havo boon so naivo as to not know that was cortain to happon to China as a rosult of our codiling Russio?

Followdmoricans, thero will bo no lasting durablo poaco in tho morld, until tho sins of quoboc, Yalta, Pohoran and Potsdon aro wo.shod awayo

With tho comunists now talking ovor Chinas thoro is damger that all of Asin, ovontually, will bo brought undor tho commuist hool find that would bo a billion pooplo, half tho huran raco.

Sore of us in tho Congress, including your Sonator Knowland of California, mado stronuous offorts to havo aid advancod to tho Chinose nationalists whilo thoro was still timo. But to no avail. ilways tho answer was tho samo: "Wait and sco what hepponso"
ind now, tho Red ticlo has swopt to tho bordors of Hong Konge but still wo havo no forthright policy although the critical situntion cries aloud for action.

This Wost Coast, California, Orocon and Washincton, aro intonsoly, vitally intorostod in dovolomonts in dsia. And proporly is this so.

In the Far East is the world's groat unoponod trocsuro chost; natural rosourcos boyond noasuro, opportuntias for dovolomont that staceor tho inaginam tion. All of thoso aro slipping away to Rod onvunish, all bocauso of appoasonont. It is tho blackost paco in roocnt moricm history, savo ono, Poarl Harboro

In Europo, too, our policios aro a mass of contradictions. Wo support Tito, tho commist, and from unon Froncos tho anti-comunist No dostroy Gomen plants noodod fur roconstruction, and pour millions of dollars into Gomany for roliof. To work acainst comunismg whilo codaling its trin brothor, socialisn.

Wo hove only ono potontial onomy, tho fountain of comunisny infiltrating across tho Atlantic and across tho Pacific, and our dofonsos must bo proparod with that foot in raind.

Our socurity can not bo hingod to tho notion that wo alono possoss tho atom bonb, for wo aro told that Russia has achiovod on atomic oxplosion.

Hestory of tho air is our best guarantoo of victory if tar comos, and plonso God, it shall novor cumo.

But, from airmbasos in North Africa, the Middle East, Okinawa, Japan, tho Philippinos, and olsowhoro, our long-rango bombors could punish oun potontial onony into suluission.

And, along with tho Air Forco, wo must havo an effoctivo Army and Navy. ill aro nocossary, all vital, for a unifiod plan of action and it is tho rosponsibility of tho Prosident, as Comandor-in-Chicf, to carry out the Unification Act passod by tho Zightioth Congrosse

Followmoricons: I havo on abiding faith in the wiscom of tho Ancrican pooplo, Giton tho truth, thoy will moko tho richt docisions Ours is a toloront pooplo, and slom to angor But mon orousod, thoy hovo swiftly and act docisivoly.

Our libortios and froolons havo boon doarly gainod. Within tho prosont conoration, in two Vorld Tars, thoso libortios and frocdons havo boon victoriously dofondod, Tho pionoors and unbrokon lino of buildors of Arorica did not flinch in tho faco of trials and advorsitios, and I pray that in tho crucial tost bofore us, in tho contost for our chorishod froodons against allion idoology, thet our Ropublic will survivo.
silthough wo soo tho confusion in high placos of govommont and our froodons boing snuifoc out ly spondthrift socialisng this is no tino for dospair. Wo accopt the challongo of tho advocates of a wolfaro stato, and wo aro going to win.

You shall bo tho Ninute Mon, tho Paul Rovoros of 1949, and domonstrato onco again that tho spirit of tho 49 -ors yot livoso

Only in this way can wo koop imoricn strong to dofond hor socurity, strong oconomically, stronc Rinamoially, strom spiritually, and blossca with happinoss and contontriont onong hor pooplo.
incrica is the bost placo on onrth.
Lot's lroop it that way

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November 16，1949．

Dear Herman：
It was Imine to see you and Ills． Kruse again pad I pant to thank you for all you did to false ny visit to San Francisco so enjoyable．

The breakfast was wonderful．and I certainly appreciate your talking the time to drive me around the city．
you，I $\operatorname{an}$ 简h ail good wishes to both of
Cordially yours，


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 you to lenow that I apporociato foverything you did Ioreme. I ethin7ly got of the Unitod dizw tinos, so axnived home on cehodule.

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Condtally yourrs.

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It was certainly a/ pleasure to meet you and your charring vi.fo when I was in San Francisco addressing the Whtional Retail Jammer Dealers.

I have attended many conventigus and delivered many speeches, but the recept hon and hospitality I received at your meeting have never been exceeded. The Convention wag outstanding in every respect.

Thanicting you for your many courtesies and with every good wish to you and lis. Sweet, I an

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LONGVIEW，WASHINGTON
November 22， 1949

Dear Kenneth：

May I again express my sincere appreciation of your outstanding contribution to our recent convention．A great many of the dealers told me this was the best meeting to date and that your speech was one of the highlights．

Our informal visits were expecially enjoyable and I am looking forward to more of them in the future．

Following the meeting，Margaret and I accompanied by the Northups， had a few days of sunshine and rest at Carmel．It was good for the soul．We are at home again and back in the groove．

Margaret joins me in kindest personal regards．


Honorable Kenneth Wherry Senate Office Building Washington，D．C．

