

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

October 20, 1949

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HOTEL RESERVATION CONFIRMATION

LUMBERMEN

NOTIFY HOUSING BUREAU OF ANY CHANGE IN RESERVATION DATES SHOWN BELOW.

DEPOSIT: \$10.00

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

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Fairmont Hotel
NOB HILL
San Francisco

October 21, 1949
RESERVATION CONFIRMATION

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LUMBERMEN REC'D OCT 31 A.M. Our accommodations may not be available until that time.

ARRIVAL DATE November 9th ARRIVAL HOUR Advise DEPARTURE DATE November 11th

ACCOMMODATIONS Suite - parlor and one bedroom

REMARKS Thank you for \$10.00 deposit

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ALL RESERVATIONS ARE CANCELLED AT 6:00 P. M. UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A DEPOSIT

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October 25 through November 20

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MEMORANDUM FOR SENATOR WHERRY

RE: National Retail Lumber Dealers Association speech

Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco.

Senator Wherry to speak at approximately 11:30 A. M., November 10th.

Luncheon will follow his speech.

Parlor twin bedroom reserved for Senator Wherry at the Fairmont, for arrival November 9th.

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

Leave San Francisco, November 11th at 11:10 A. M., United. Flight 618.
Arrive in Omaha at 9:10 P. M.

Speech - Lumber Dealers

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Senator Kenneth S. Wherry

November 9, 1949

DAYLETTER

Mr. Paul W. Watson
c/o 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 FAIRMONT. SHOULD THINK YOU COULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
WITH HIM FOR RADIO TIME EITHER THURSDAY MORNING OR AFTERNOON.

LORNE KENNEDY,
SECRETARY TO SENATOR WHERRY

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HON. KENNETH S. WHERRY
USS from Nebraska

NATIONAL RETAIL LUMBER DEALERS
ASSOCIATION

San Francisco, California
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I. INTRODUCTION

It is a pleasure to address your organization once again, -- Thanks for your hospitality.

It is an honor, indeed, -- to join you, -- and the people of California, -- in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the '49ers.

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

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.

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

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

The '49ers depended upon their own initiative, -- frugality, -- and enterprise to pioneer the west.

The incentive of reward spurred 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 California and our country were built.

And, it is only with that spirit of the '49ers, -- and the dependence upon God-given attributes, -- that the American people ever have, or ever will, -- meet their problems as a nation.

The '49ers had fakers in their day. They called them

"medicine men", -- they could spot them a mile away.

And the promisers of today, -- promisers of free medicine, -- free education, -- free housing, -- and lifetime security, -- are using the same old tricks. But, they are wrapped up in a different package, -- labeled abundance, -- happiness, -- security, -- peace, -- prosperity, -- and contentment.

The '49ers called it a gold brick.

Today, it is the welfare state.

All the gold dug by the '49ers, -- 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 ruinous policies are challenged
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in their hands, -- in exchange for their freedom, -- then a long
step toward complete regimentation 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 life than any other country, -- the biggest share of electric power, -- radios, -- television equipment, -- telephones, -- automobiles, -- bathtubs, -- steel capacity, -- and life 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 system, -- with freedom of opportunity.

Of course, -- we want to improve the educational standards, -- and reach higher and higher goals, --

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

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

And, of course, -- we want to build more industries, -- that will 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?

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beyond the '49ers.

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

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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, -- half the world was not beating a path to our door, -- to get cash and goods to ^{arm and} support them. Oh, no, -- but let me remind you, --

there was a great rejoicing by freedom-loving people, around the world, -- that the new Republic -- America -- had been born.

These principles, -- upon which our Republic was established, -- freedom of religion, -- freedom of speech, -- freedom of choice, -- freedom 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 front-runner communism are spreading their evil doctrine over other parts of the world; -- and the backwash is infiltrating right into the heart of our government.

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

Has the moral fiber 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?

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

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

IV. SOCIALISM IS NOT FREE

You thrifty Americans know, -- that none of the socialistic proposals ~~are~~ free. They all have to be paid for out of the toil and the sweat of the people, -- out of their hard-earned dollars, -- and their cost of living.

Government can spend only, what it takes from the

people. Now, get ready for a shock!

The first 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, -- and the end is not in sight. The authorizations, -- made by the Eighty-first Congress, -- will 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 employees, -- 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 employees right here in California.

Your federal government is again operating in the
red.

The deficit for this fiscal 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 fact is, -- that about 7,400,000 taxpayers, --
in the lowest brackets, -- were dropped from the tax-roll.

And, the cold fact is, -- that the percentages of tax

reductions 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 inefficiency, -- 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 -- is their effort to make the reckless spending of the Eighty-first

Congress more palatable is: -- that it is necessary for national defense.

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

The bi-partisan Hoover Commission, -- on government reorganization found, -- that at least 3 billion dollars could be saved by simply eliminating 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 telling the people that critics of the Administration's spend and spend foreign 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 it 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 the same reckless disregard of our taxpayers, -- in scattering their money abroad, -- the Administration tosses their hard-earned dollars to pressure groups at home.

Lenin, -- while Russian dictator in 1924, -- said: --

(I quote)

"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 Asia?

America acted swiftly and with generosity, -- in rescuing freedom-loving countries of Europe from the destitution and devastation, -- that confronted them at the end 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 off their backs, -- so that competitive 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 aid has also been given, by slashing our tariff protections, until America, today, is virtually on a free-trade basis.

Under the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, -- passed by the Democrat Eighty-first Congress, -- the President has

absolute, final power to make trade agreements with foreign nations.

As it has been administered, -- there is nothing reciprocal about it. It is a one-way street for foreign countries to flood 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 Tariff commission deems is safe, for the survival of American products, -- then the President would have to report to the Congress and the people, -- his reason for ignoring 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 deliberately 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 embargoes, -- quotas, -- bilateral trade agreements among themselves, -- and with other nations, -- and through various types of controls in their government-managed economies.

You lumber men, -- and you business men of the west 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, -- and the American standard of living lowered to the world level.

Tariff-making by the Administration has become tightly woven into its political foreign policies, -- just as the Administration's domestic policies are mixed into our economic affairs at home. It is the State Department that calls the turns on tariff-making.

V. FOREIGN POLICIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ILLS.

Most of the ills that confront the United 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 Germany forever to the status of an agricultural 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 German plants have been dismantled for the purpose of eliminating competition 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.

Everyone familiar with conditions in Europe knows --
there can be no general recovery there until Germany is restored
to prewar productivity.

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

It was at Yalta that China, -- without her knowledge
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 Chinese admiration for the United States.

You know the sequence of events in China, -- how the
present Administration vacillated, -- when a forthright 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 Balkans?

Why, they were consigned to Russia at Yalta and Teheran.

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 certain to happen to China as a result of our coddling Russia?

Fellow-Americans, there will be no lasting durable peace in the world, -- until the sins of Quebec, -- Yalta, -- Teheran, -- and Potsdam are washed away.

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

Some of us in the Congress, -- including your Senator Knowland of California, -- made strenuous efforts to have aid 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.

This west coast, -- California, -- Oregon, -- and 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.

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

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

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

Guard against communism, while 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 fact 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. Mastery of the air is our best guarantee of victory if war comes, -- and please God, -- it

shall never come.

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From air-bases in North Africa, -- the Middle East, -- Okinawa, -- Japan, -- the Philippines, -- and elsewhere, -- our long-range bombers could punish our potential enemy into submission.

And, along with the Air Force, -- 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, -- as Commander-in-Chief, -- to carry out the Unification Act passed by the Eightieth Congress.

VI. CONCLUSION

Fellow-Americans: I have an abiding faith in the wisdom of the American people. Given 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.

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 America did not flinch in the face of trials and adversities, -- and I pray that in the crucial test before us, -- ⁱⁿ the contest for our cherished freedoms 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

security; -- strong economically, -- strong financially, --
strong spiritually.

America is the best place on earth.

Let's keep it that way.

Speech

From the Office of
Senator Kenneth S. Wherry (R., Neb.)

For Release to Afternoon
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Your federal government is again operating in the red. The deficit for this fiscal 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 fact is, that about 7,400,000 taxpayers in the lowest brackets were dropped from the tax-roll.

And, the cold fact is, that the percentages of tax reductions 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 staggered 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 that the only sound, sensible course is to cut the outrageously high cost of government; cut out the waste and inefficiency, 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, in their effort to make the reckless spending of the Eighty-first Congress more palatable, is that it is necessary for national defense. But that is no answer to the people for loose, inefficient fiscal policies.

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

The same policy of regimentation that the President is intent upon imposing on the American people, he is also supporting with their money abroad.

The Senate Majority Leader, Senator Scott Lucas of Illinois, is now telling the people that critics of the Administration's spend and spend foreign 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 it 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 the same reckless disregard of our taxpayers, in scattering their money abroad, the Administration tosses their hard-earned dollars to pressure groups at home.

Lenin, -- while Russian dictator in 1924, said: "Some day we shall force the United States 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 Asia?

America acted swiftly and with generosity, in rescuing freedom-loving countries of Europe from the destitution and devastation that confronted them at the end 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 these 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, most important of all, they must free themselves from the yoke of spendthrift socialism, so that competitive enterprise and the creative brains of these countries can again function for the mutual prosperity and well-being of all their people.

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

Under the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, passed by the Democrat Eighty-first Congress, the President has absolute, final power to make trade agreements with foreign nations. As it has been administered, there is nothing reciprocal about it. It is a one-way street for foreign countries to flood 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 Tariff commission deems is safe for the survival of American producers, then the President would have to report to the Congress and the people his reason for ignoring the commission's advice. The Amendment was defeated and the inevitable result will be increased imports of lumber, farm products, textiles, leather goods, clothing, cutlery, dishes, novelties and thousands of articles.

Many countries have also deliberately 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 embargoes, quotas and bilateral trade agreements among themselves, and through various types of controls within their government-managed economies.

You lumber men, and all business men of the West Coast, know what the impact will be of our tariff-cutting, when combined with foreign currency devaluation and the use of other gadgets. It means closed shops in America, workers out of jobs, and the American standard of living lowered to the world level.

Tariff-making by the Administration has become tightly woven into its political foreign policies, just as the Administration's political domestic policies are mixed into our economic affairs at home. It is the State Department that calls the turns on tariff-making.

Most of the ills that confront the United 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 Germany forever to the status of an agricultural people. Germany was to be stripped of her industries. It has been the enforcement of this vengeful, stupid plan that has delayed recovery of all Europe.

It has been costly to the American taxpayers, because German plants have been dismantled for the purpose of eliminating competition with England and France. Hundreds of plants will have to be replaced in the recovery of Europe, and the bill will be paid by the American people.

Everyone familiar with conditions in Europe knows that there can be no general recovery there until Germany is restored to prewar productivity. This can be done, and must be done without building a military Frankenstein.

It was at Yalta that China, without her knowledge or consent, was betrayed and her inherent rights handed over to Stalin. That is the genesis of the tragic events in Asia. Yalta was a mortal blow to hundreds of years of Chinese admiration for the United States.

You know the sequence of events in China; how the present Administration vacillated when a forthright policy of support 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 Balkans? Yet, the Balkans were consigned to Russia at Yalta and Teheran.

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 naive as to not know what was certain to happen to China as a result of our coddling Russia?

Follow-Americans, there will be no lasting durable peace in the world, until the sins of Quebec, Yalta, Teheran and Potsdam are washed away.

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

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

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

This West Coast, California, Oregon and Washington, are intensely, vitally interested in developments in Asia. And properly is this so.

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 recent American history, save one, Pearl Harbor.

In Europe, too, our policies are a mass of contradictions. We support Tito, the communist, and frown upon Franco, the anti-communist. We destroy German plants needed for reconstruction, and pour millions of dollars into Germany for relief. We work against communism, while 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 fact in mind.

Our security can not be hinged to the notion that we alone possess the atom bomb, for we are told that Russia has achieved an atomic explosion.

Mastery of the air is our best guarantee of victory if war comes, and please God, it shall never come.

But, from air-bases in North Africa, the Middle East, Okinawa, Japan, the Philippines, and elsewhere, our long-range bombers could punish our potential enemy into submission.

And, along with the Air Force, 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, as Commander-in-Chief, to carry out the Unification Act passed by the Eightieth Congress.

Follow-Americans: I have an abiding faith in the wisdom of the American people. Given 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.

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 America did not flinch in the face of trials and adversities, and I pray that in the crucial test before us, in the contest for our cherished freedoms against alien ideology, that our Republic will survive.

Although 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.

You shall be the Minute Men, the Paul Reveres of 1949, and demonstrate once again that the Spirit of the '49-ers yet lives.

Only in this way can we keep America strong to defend her security, strong economically, strong financially, strong spiritually, and blessed with happiness and contentment among her people.

America is the best place on earth.

Let's keep it that way.

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November 16, 1949.

Dear Herman:

It was fine to see you and Mrs. Kruse again and I want to thank you for all you did to make my visit to San Francisco so enjoyable.

The breakfast was wonderful and I certainly appreciate your taking the time to drive me around the city.

With all good wishes to both of you, I am

Cordially yours,

KENNETH S. WERRY

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November 16, 1949.

Dear Joe:

Never have I had a nicer reception than I received at San Francisco when I addressed your Retail Lumber Dealers, and I want you to know that I appreciate everything you did for me. I finally got on the United Airlines, so arrived home on schedule.

Looking forward to seeing you when I return in January, I am

Cordially yours,

KENNETH S. WHERRY

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November 16, 1949.

Dear Cy:

It was certainly a pleasure to meet you and your charming wife when I was in San Francisco addressing the National Retail Lumber Dealers.

I have attended many conventions and delivered many speeches, but the reception and hospitality I received at your meeting have never been exceeded. The Convention was outstanding in every respect.

Thanking you for your many courtesies and with every good wish to you and Mrs. Sweet, I am

Cordially yours,

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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 especially 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.

Sincerely yours,

Cy.

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