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It is always a pleasure to be in Illinois. It is a special privilege to be here tonight -- taking part in this nation-wide crusade for freedom against misrule.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, millions of patriotic citizens, -- just like you -- are calling for a new leadership in government, a leadership that has faith in America, a leadership that won't cow-tow to communists at home and abroad.

This time we Republicans are fighting!

And this time we are going to win!

It will be a victory for all the people -- a victory that will ring around the world and give hope and courage to freedom loving mankind everywhere.

We are waging the good fight in Nebraska, up and down and across the State, and it is quite plain you folks in Illinois are aroused as never before to the dangerous road down which the Truman Administration and its subservient leaders in Congress like Senator Scott Lucas, are taking this country.

The Truman Administration and its followers in the Democrat 81st Congress, have plunged the United States to the brink of National bankruptcy and another world war.

All their alibis and all their efforts to blame others for their terrible mistakes will not go down with the people.

The Truman Administration, with Senator Lucas and other Fair Deal leaders in the Congress tagging along, gave the green light for the war in Korea, when they abandoned China, our historic friend and ally, to the vultures of Moscow.

Through General MacArthur's brilliant generalship the war in Korea has been turned toward victory and away from the humiliating defeat that threatened because of the Truman Administration's failures.

The anxiety of General MacArthur and his gallant troops must have been great as they waited and waited for President Truman and his clumsy Secretary of State to decide whether our troops and our allies should cross the 38th parallel.

Precious time was lost and the momentum of our victorious troops at Seoul was stopped cold while Mr. Acheson hemmed and hawed and asked the United Nations whether it would be all right for our troops to go forward.

Meanwhile, the Communist army was able to re-form its lines and dig in for the battles now under way.

Why, every schoolboy knows there can be no complete smashing victory in Korea until the Communist army is destroyed or runs up the white flag of surrender.

And lately, with the Congressional and State elections but a few days away, we saw the spectacle of President Truman making an airplane flight to confer with

General Douglas MacArthur somewhere in the Pacific.

It was a tawdry political maneuver, a grand stand play, to rescue the inept Administration and its willing servants in the Congress -- like Scott Lucas -- from repudiation in the November elections.

After squandering 50 billion dollars that the taxpayers provided for national defense in the last four years, and after sending America's young men into Korea out-gunned, out-tanked, out-numbered and under-trained, the President went to the great General MacArthur in an obvious political move to identify himself with General MacArthur's brilliant generalship in turning threatened humiliating defeat into an impending victory.

If the President, the Achesons, the Harrimans and the Alger Hisses, who betrayed the security of the United States by their years of appeasement of communist Russia, think that they can absolve themselves by hovering around General MacArthur on election eve, they have another think coming.

General MacArthur and Secretary of State Acheson are in direct conflict over vital policies in the Pacific.

The people have confidence in and trust General MacArthur. They don't trust Acheson.

The President can restore some confidence in his leadership if he will give Mr. Acheson the boot and name some one Secretary of State who has a decent regard for the principles of our Republic. But this will not bring back the boys who have made the supreme sacrifice for the incompetence of the Administration.

All of their flag-waving speeches and all of their talk for peace and more peace as the election nears, have a hollow ring in the light of their abject failure to hold the peace for which World War II was fought.

That's one reason why there is going to be a change in November!

President Truman, Vice President Barkley, and Secretary of State Acheson were all warned repeatedly by Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter, then Chief of the Central Intelligence Agency, before the communists' attack on South Korea, that it was imminent.

Even when Admiral Hillenkoetter officially warned them in writing that the Communists were evacuating women and children from along the 38th parallel, they failed to act.

Senator Lucas sits in with the Administration leaders and does their bidding on the Senate floor. Did he know about Admiral Killenkoetter's grim warnings? If he did, why didn't he act? And if he did not know, he failed you and the country, for it was his responsibility as majority leader of the Senate to safeguard the public interest.

We Republicans in Congress were never told of Admiral Hillenkoetter's warnings.

After the attack by Communist North Korea upon the Republic of South Korea --



we Republican members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, caused Admiral Hillenkoetter to be called before our Committee.

He then transmitted to us official copies of the warnings he had send earlier to the highest authorities of the Administration, warnings of the impending attack by North Korea.

But that testimony -- those official documents -- have never been made public. They are locked in the vault of the Senate Appropriations Committee,

When you elect a Republican Congress next November, we will open that vault and the incriminating documents will be exposed for all to see.

That's another reason why the people are going to elect a Republican Congress!

Be vigilant, fellow-Americans, or Mr. Acheson again will move the hand of President Truman and rob us of the impending victory in Korea,

For months, Mr. Acheson has been manipulating with his Socialist fellow-travelers in England -- to have the United Nations recognize the bandit Communist usurpers of China.

This is exactly what "good old Joe" wants done. If he can get his puppet gangsters in China recognized by the United Nations, it will be a face-saver for him. It would be vastly more valuable to him than would be little Korea in his pocket.

Be vigilant, fellow-Americans, or Mr. Acheson will force General MacArthur to walk the plank, as he did former Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson for disagreeing with him on his political deals that now jeopardize America's security.

General MacArthur has warned that Formosa must never be allowed to fall into unfriendly hands. You remember he made the warning in a message to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the message that President Truman tried unsuccessfully to suppress.

Remember General MacArthur warned that if Formosa falls into unfriendly hands, the United States will have to pull back its Pacific defense line to Hawaii and the mainland of the United States because Formosa straddles our present Japan-Okinawa-Philippines defense line.

In an address before the National Press Club in Washington last January, Mr. Acheson said Formosa does not have to be in friendly hands.

So here is General MacArthur, who knows more about our defense problem in the Pacific than any other man and who says Formosa must be in friendly hands,

And here is Dean Acheson, the appeaser, who says General MacArthur does not know what he is talking about.

Will our weak President again side with Mr. Acheson -- as he did in abandoning China to the wolves of Moscow, and, is the security of the United States, your security, to be decided by the United Nations?

Our boys do the fighting and dying and the United Nations does the cheering and deciding.

Most of the countries of the United Nations are quite eager for the United

States - you taxpayers - to arm and support them, but they are very slow to back up their cheers by furnishing troops for Korea. This war in Korea for freedom is just as much their war as it is ours.

Fellow-Americans, the root cause of all our country's major troubles, at home and abroad, is that for 17 long years we have had administrations and rubber stamp Democrats in Congress who lacked faith in our Republic.

Throughout these years they have appeased and coddled Communist Russia. They have been lenient with Communists and their fellow-travelers, who run through the offices of Government like water through a sieve - and spread their revolutionary ideology among the people.

The Truman Administration - and Senator Lucas is its spokesman in the Senate - shares with equal guilt its predecessor's wholesale betrayal of all mankind at Teheran and Yalta, for President Truman at Potsdam on February 11, 1945, ratified and reaffirmed all these gross betrayals to appease and coddle "Good Old Joe," as Mr. Truman calls him.

This Administration has nullified the sacred principles for which World War II was fought. It has sowed the seed from which ever since we have been reaping the whirlwind.

These secret commitments sold the birthright of God-fearing, freedom-loving hundreds of millions of human beings into Russian bondage, until now Communist Russia dominates 800 million people and controls 1,200 million square miles of land.

Poland, Czechoslovakia and a dozen other countries in eastern Europe were handed into Russian bondage by the Truman Administration.

In Asia, it was decreed that Communist Russia was to have the Kuriles Islands (stepping-stones to Alaska), and dominating special privileges in Manchuria and other parts of China.

All the Japanese war materiel left in Manchuria was turned over to "Good Old Joe," and the Moscow-directed conquest of China was soon gotten under way, while the pro-Communists in the Administration - led by Dean Acheson - sabotaged American aid for the Republic of China.

President Truman did not throw his arms around General MacArthur and hug him while this betrayal of China was under way. He never even consulted him on China policy. He never even called him to Washington for consultation on any matter affecting the Pacific. He had never seen General MacArthur until this election eve, when victory in Korea is in the air.

If the President had shaken loose from the gang of appeasers that runs the State Department long enough to have a talk with General MacArthur, China today would be free, there would be no war in Korea, and all Asia - yes, the whole free world - would not be wondering where the predatory bear is going to strike next.



Fellow-Americans, this is a harsh indictment of the Administration but it is well deserved, for not in all history has there been a greater betrayal of trust than that of the present Administration and its lackeys and tools in the Congress.

Scott Lucas shares the blame because he has been and is part and parcel of the Truman Administration - its top spokesman in the United States Senate.

In Western Europe, we have fared no better, despite the more than 40 billion dollars in cash and goods that the American people have poured into that part of the world.

Western Europe today is worse prepared for an attack by Communist Russia than South Korea as a result of Mr. Acheson's "let-the-dust-settle" attitude.

Anti-Communist Spain, with her mountainous border and 300,000 soldiers poorly equipped but ready to fight Communists, was left out of the North Atlantic Defense Pact to appease Communist Russia.

Anti-Communist western Germany's industrial capacity has been wrecked by British, French and Russian plunderers; her plants have been dismantled and destroyed. Many of them have been shipped behind the Iron Curtain to strengthen Russia's military power.

Russian-occupied eastern Germany is armed to the teeth and backed by hundreds of divisions behind the Iron Curtain. Communist Russia has an open corridor from Berlin to the English Channel, with only the few United States troops in western Germany to resist.

And today Great Britain, France and other countries that the American taxpayers are arming and supporting, are sending war material to Communist Russia and her captive countries, including Red China, while our boys fight and die to stop Communism in Korea.

Remember how the Democrat Administration permitted scrap iron to be sold to Japan and how it came back in bullets to kill our boys in World War II?

Well, the merchants of death in western Europe are doing the same thing today on a larger scale, arming Russia while professing to be against Communism.

The ECA Act carries full authority for the Administration to stop ECA gifts to countries that permit this traffic, but the language is discretionary and Mr. Acheson, with the President's approval has seen to it that the intent of the law is NOT enforced.

The Junior Senator from Nebraska sought adoption of an amendment at the recent session of Congress to make this law mandatory and to put the enforcement of it in the hands of the Secretary of Defense.

But the Administration fought this amendment with the most vicious campaign of misrepresentation that I have ever seen. And Scott Lucas led the fight in the Senate against my amendment.

It was adopted by the Senate, but as it was finally approved by the Congress it was watered down until it is just as full of loopholes as the original ECA Act.

And that's another reason why the people are going to elect a Republican Congress - a Congress that will exert the power of the United States to stop this damnable traffic!

Fellow-Americans, citizens of Illinois, our weak President and his weak State Department - and the weak Democrat leadership in the Congress --- have strayed far afield from the precepts, admonitions and examples of Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln was kindly, compassionate, meek and humble; and also he was firm in denouncing the wrong; firm in his leadership. On the Floor of the House of Representatives in 1848, this is what Lincoln said of the President at that time:

"The President is in nowise satisfied with his own position. First he takes up one, and in attempting to argue us into it he argues himself out of it, then seizes another and goes through the same process, and then, confused at being able to think of nothing new, he snatches up the old one again, which he has some time before cast off.

"His mind, taxed beyond its power, is running hither and thither, like some tortured creature on a burning surface, finding no position on which it can settle down and be at ease....

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"He is/bewildered, confounded, and miserably perplexed man."

Truthfully, the same can be said of President Truman for he, too, is a "bewildered, confounded, and miserably perplexed man."

In contrast with the historic foreign policy of the United States, the policy of equal justice to all nations and, in the words of Lincoln; "With malice toward none," the President and Senator Lucas along with Dean Acheson is making a patchwork of commitments that spin around the principles of our Republic like a weather vane does in wind.

The security of the United States has been jeopardized by these Acheson political commitments. The soldier cannot plan for the defense of the United States when confronted by these political commitments. They are shot through with appeasement of Communist Russia.

Poland, Czechoslovakia, all the countries sold into Communist Russia's bondage by the Truman Administration and its predecessor, must be free and independent again.

And they will be helped onto the sure road to freedom, if you elect a Republican Congress, a Congress that will restore America's historic prestige and moral influence in the world, a Congress that will scrutinize every commitment by the weak Truman Administration, and a Congress that will counter the big lie of Communism with the big truth of freedom.

Fellow-Americans, there can be no lasting, durable, peace in the world until



the sins of Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam are washed away.

You are paying and paying dearly for the Administration's zig-zag wobbly foreign policies, because international matters now completely dominate our domestic economy.

You are paying for the phony "Fair Deal." You are paying in heavier and heavier taxes and the mounting national debt, which is a mortgage on your backs that must be paid. You are paying for the Truman inflation in skyrocketing prices, the high cost of living.

Twenty-five cents out of every dollar you earn go for taxes, and this does not include the hidden taxes you are paying. Do you know that in the building or purchase of a house there are 639 Federal and State taxes? Do you know that in a loaf of bread there are more than 150 taxes? and you ladies, listen to this: Do you know that when you buy an Easter bonnet you pay 150 different taxes?

Millions of citizens living on fixed incomes are paying for the Truman follies. The millions who have saved for years and years for the rainy day and for old age or to send a child to college -- are all paying for haphazard Harry's cut in the purchasing power of the dollar.

And worst of all, you are paying by the deaths and suffering of those most dear to you in the war in Korea, which the President, the Achesons, the Jessups and Alger Hisses, invited by their abandonment of China to Communist Russia.

This train of failures is intolerable! Scott Lucas and all the other apologists for the Truman Administration can blame others for their mistakes until the cows come home, but the truth is they have muddled this country into its gravest situation in all history.

And that's <sup>another</sup> ~~another~~ reason why there is going to be a change next month!

Make no mistake. It is up to you, the people. If Harry Truman gets the kind of Congress he wants November 7, you will be legislated into strait-jacket socialism.

The official blueprint is out for all to see: The Brannan Plan to Socialize the farmers; Socialized medicine under which government bosses would snoop into the personal relationships between physicians and patients; federalized education robbing you of control over your children's education; the Spence Bill for permanent control of prices, wages and materials; and continuation of the biggest give-away show on earth through complete abolition of tariff protection and by frittering away your cash and goods around the world, on the erroneous assumption that friendship can be bought with bribery.

Oh, yes, Scott Lucas and other apologists for the Truman maladministration and its rubber stamps in the Democrat 81st Congress, tell you they are not for this or that in the President's blueprint.

Don't be fooled. Senator Lucas is the spokesman in the Senate for the unfair Deal. He is the President's errand boy and will do what he is told or be ousted

from the Democrat leadership. Then, he can form another Democrat splinter Party, but that won't do you or the country any good.

Let me repeat: If Harry Truman gets the kind of Congress he wants -- and he wants Scott Lucas -- you will be legislated into strait-jacket, spendthrift Socialism.

Fellow-Americans, there must be a fresh start, a new leadership if the Republic is to survive.

Acheson, the appeaser, must go!

As the policy-making branch of the government, in control of the nation's purse-strings, your Republican Congress will see that Acheson does go!

The election of a Republican Congress will be a well-deserved rebuke to the Administration for its failure to use its power to stop the merchants of death in Great Britain and other countries from shipping war material to Communist Russia.

The election of a Republican Congress will be a well-deserved rebuke to the Tydings whitewash Committee, the Committee that was directed to flush the pro-Communists out of the State Department but instead waged a smear campaign against that stalwart, patriotic Senator Joe McCarthy.

The election of a Republican Congress will be a well-deserved rebuke to President Truman for his indefensible veto of the Mundt-Ferguson-Mc Carran bill to stamp out the Moscow-directed Communist fifth column.

For months and months we Republicans had to prod Senator Lucas, the Majority leader, to call up this bill. He fought for days and days in support of the President's milk and water proposals and in opposition to the "teeth" in bill.

The best Senator Lucas could offer was an amendment to arrest dangerous Communists, if and when and after war breaks out. The Senate adopted this amendment, but it also approved provisions to do something about Communists now.

So we now have an anti-Communist law that the people demanded and the Congress passed and which the President does not want. When the people elect a Republican Congress, this law will be enforced or those responsible for its enforcement will be called on the carpet by Republican-controlled committees and subjected to the thunder of the people.

The election of a Republican Congress will be a mandate from the people for a thorough exposure of the tie-up between the Truman Administration and corrupt, big-city political machines, like the underworld racketeers of Chicago who are working for Scott Lucas' election; like the notorious Pendergast gang in Missouri; like fraud-ridden Tammany Hall of New York; and like all the other mobs of hoodlums that are spreading their dirty hands over the country.

We Republicans will back up our honest, forthright American foreign policy with a national defense establishment that will destroy any aggressor on his home grounds; spearheaded by the most powerful air force to deliver the atomic bomb to



the targets.

We Republicans pledge our continued advocacy and support of all measures necessary to bring the war in Korea to an overwhelming victory, with no compromise of principles; no appeasement of Moscow.

We Republicans pledge to the mothers and fathers and relatives of the men and women in the armed forces, our utmost efforts to provide the best possible care for the wounded, the widows, orphans and dependents; and to see that when our heroic service men and women come home again, their contribution to the colors is properly recognized.

You can depend upon that by our past performance, because in the Republican 80th Congress, we did provide abundantly for the veterans and launched the biggest home building boom in all history -- all of this after the President said no more major veterans legislation was necessary.

We Republicans recognize that because of the war in Korea and the National defense effort now made necessary by the Administration's loss of the peace, that there must be temporary, emergency measures.

We Republicans pledge removal of these controls at the earliest moment they no longer are necessary. You can depend upon that by our past performance, because in the Republican 80th Congress, we did repeal thousands of World War II controls.

We Republicans promise to reduce your taxes as soon as we reestablish America's prestige in world affairs, and bring order out of the present chaos in the Administration's management of domestic affairs. Billions can be squeezed out of the sprawling bureaucracy without hurting anybody.

You can depend upon that by our past performance, because in the Republican 80th Congress, we did cut your taxes by 5 billion dollars; balanced the budget; cut the national debt 7 billion; and we left in the Treasury an 8-billion-dollar surplus, which the Truman spendthrifts soon squandered.

We Republicans will protect the dignity and independence of the farmers; see that they receive fair prices for their commodities at the market places, aided by government price supports as needed to cope with the uncontrollable hazards of farming.

We Republicans are the champions and advocates of equal rights for all citizens, regardless of their race or creed. As the party of Abraham Lincoln, organizer of the Republican Party and first Republican President, we denounce the Democrat Party for its hypocrisy on equal rights.

Senator Lucas failed, miserably failed, to deliver on his promises for equal rights legislation. If he had mustered Democrat votes in the Senate equal to the Republican votes, there would be new civil rights legislation. The Democrat Party is split down the middle and can never keep its promises to the Negroes and others vitally interested.

The Republican party was born as the party of emancipation and always has been true to the faith. You can depend upon that by our past performance.

We Republicans are for the Taft-Hartly Act, because it is the greatest step forward for the peaceful settlement of labor-management disputes ever taken. We shall amend and strengthen this act in keeping with its underlying principles of fairness to labor management and the public.

Labor racketeers, active politically and grabbing for power, don't like the Taft-Hartly Law, because it clips their wings and protects the rights of the rank and file of union members to control their unions and to have accountings by the officers.

We Republicans will move swiftly to restore tariff protection for industry, agriculture and labor, thereby maintaining the highest standard of living. Senator Lucas voted against this protection, against safeguarding your jobs, your livelihood.

We Republicans pledge our unwavering efforts to restore the American heritage. There will be no quarter, no compromise, no me-too with spendthrift Socialism.

Fellow-Americans, these are the principles and objectives of the Republican Party.

There are the principles and objective championed by your honest, able, fearless son and Republican nominee for the United States Senate -- Everett Dirksen.

I have faith and confidence that upon this solid American platform Everett Dirksen will be elected. He will do his part in restoring the Government to the people where it belongs, and away from the profane hands that now guide it.

Everett Dirksen, like Abraham Lincoln in his time, has been going up and down and across this great State of Illinois in the crusade for freedom against misrule.

After his many years in the Congress, years in which he contributed mightily to his State and Nation, Mr. Dirksen sought retirement. His eyes had been seriously impaired by over-work in the people's interest. It seems that the good Lord touched Everett Dirksen and prompted him to come out of his well-deserved retirement to lead in this crusade to save America.

Mr. Dirksen speaks with the voice of experience. As a member of the powerful Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives, his duties carried him into every phase of the Government, foreign and domestic.

His vision is world-wide. He knows that the well-being of the United States is wrapped into the course of world events; that the United States no longer is isolated by the oceans and has responsibilities and opportunities that reach around the earth.

But Everett Dirksen, seeing the outside world in turmoil, confusion and fermentation, wants to do all he can -- and it is a lot -- to guard, preserve and maintain freedom for the people of his own beloved country so that America may



continue to be the bulwark of liberty and the hope and inspiration of freedom-loving people everywhere.

He is doing his utmost and that good wife and daughter of his are going right along with him, in carrying the truth to the people; warning the people that the road down which the Administration is taking this country leads to national bankruptcy and ultimately dictatorship.

He fights for restoration of the constitutional orbits of federal, state and local government, pointing out that the efforts of the usurpers of the Democrat Party are constantly directed toward more and more federal overlordship.

He pleads for moral rearmament and the virtues of thrift and for return to the wisdom of Abraham Lincoln and the unbroken line of builders of this beloved country of ours -- the American heritage.

Help him, all of you. Get on the firing line for decency and honesty in government. Go forward as modern Paul Reveres, Minute men and women of 1950. Work for good government as you never worked before, because this is a crucial election.

Carry the truth to the people, in your business, the shops, the homes, the farms, wake up those who are asleep to the danger that confronts our country. Think of it, in 1946, only 38 per cent of the eligible voters cast their ballots for Representatives in Congress. In 1948, a Presidential election year, only 48 per cent voted.

The American people today would have on their backs the whole Socialistic program of the radicals who control the Administration, if we Republicans had failed to man the ramparts.

But we need reinforcements. America is the best place on earth. Let's keep it that way. Send us a strong team of Republican Congressmen. Send us Ev. Dirksen. Victory; America Victorious; The Republic lives!

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S TRUTH GOES MARCHING ON.