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God bless America; yes, God bless America. That prayer is in the hearts of 150 million Americans. Yes, we must pray. And there comes a time when we must fight.

This time we are going to fight!

And this time we are going to win!

It will be a victory for the Republican Party, but what is more important it will be a victory for America.

We are crusading for a lasting peace. We are determined to build a country in which every citizen can make the most of his skill, initiative, and enterprise, free of the lash of government bosses.

These principles, the principles upon which America became great and strong, are tonight in grave jeopardy. From outside our borders, they are under attack by force of arms. From inside, our Republic is threatened by agents and dupes of the tyrants of Moscow who seek to destroy us.

It is now five years, since the end of hostilities of World War II. The lasting, durable peace that was to follow has been shattered and our servicemen again, are fighting and dying on foreign soil.

Once again, the young men of our beloved country are being drafted and trained for battle. Once again, there is the heart torture of leave-taking; and the dreaded casualty lists are anxiously scanned, with prayers that loved ones have been spared death, or wounds, or the rigors of the missing.

Fifty billion dollars, the taxpayers' money, spent for national defense: the last four years; and we are woefully unprepared.

Our young men were sent into battle untrained, out-gunned, out-tanked, and out-numbered.

Those now in control of our government, the President, the Achesons, the Harrimans, have lost the peace. They have squandered the nation's cash and resources.

The national debt is skyrocketing; taxes are going up; inflation is here. And, anyone who thinks, can see that Haphazard Harry is leading the United States down the primrose path to bankruptcy.

Lenin said that Russia would force the United States to spend itself into destruction. Is that terrible prophecy coming true?

These conditions are intolerable. The American people are crying for a new leadership, a leadership they can trust; and there is going to be a change in November.

We Republicans charge with inescapable proof, that while the youth of the United States were fighting and dying in World War II, the present Administration and its predecessor, through secret agreements at Teheran, Yalta, and Potsdam, nullified the sacred principles for which the war was fought, and sowed the seed from which ever since we have been reaping the whirlwind.

The "Big Three" meeting at Teheran ended September 1, 1943; that at Yalta with the traitor Alger Hiss at the President's side, on February 11, 1945; and that at Potsdam, with the same clique, on August 2, 1945.

It was at Potsdam that President Truman ratified the previous agreements; and carried forward the appeasement and coddling of Soviet Russia.

These secret agreements sold the birthright of God-fearing, freedom-lovin hundreds of millions of people into Russian bondage; until now they dominate 800 million human beings and control 1200 million square miles of land. It was decreed at Teheran, Yalta, and Potsdam that Communist Russia was to have control over East Germany; Poland; Czechoslovakia; Hungary; Rumania; Bulgaria; Yugoslavia; and in Asia to have the Kurile Islands, (stepping stones to Alaska); the oil-rich Island of Sakhalin; and dominating special privileges in Manchuria and other parts of China.

Fellow-Americans: These outrageous betrayals of mankind were all made without the approval of the affected people, without the approval of Congress, and without the knowledge of the American people.

Do not now be deceived by the whining alibi of the guilty culprits that these monstrous betrayals of humanity were military necessities, expedient appeasement of Communist Russia in order to win the war.

Do not now be deceived by President Truman's defense that Communist Russia promised in those secret deals to provide free elections, in which the affected peoples would vote their approval or disapproval.

These secret deals were made by the usurpers of the Democrat Party, the same Democrat Party that gave official recognition to Soviet Russia in 1933, and brought the communist snake into the family of nations. Republican Presidents had refused to recognize Russia. They knew that the God-hating tyrants of Communist Russia would not keep their promises.

Even as President Truman signed the Potsdam agreement, these Red imperialists already had broken their free election promises. They had begun to impress these unfortunate millions of people behind the iron curtain, through murder, terror, slavery, concentration camps, and every other conceivable method of torture.

Through these secret appeasements, Communist Russia's aggression all over the world was fueled. They gave the green light for Moscow-directed and Moscow-armed Communists to take over China, our long-time friend and ally. When China was

taken over by Russia, the Moscow-directed aggression by North Korea into South Korea followed, as inevitably as day follows night.

Today all Asia is fearful of where the predatory bear will next strike.

And, in Europe, the Western front, we have fared no better, the nations are unprepared in the danger of invasion, although the United States, the American taxpayers, have poured more than 35 billion dollars in cash and goods into that area since the explosions of World War II.

Fellow-Americans: The overwhelming evidence is that the Teheran, Yalta, and Potsdam agreements are political agreements designed to appease Soviet Russia. Our necessary defense preparedness, our national security, went out the window with these commitments. And the national defense and security of our nation simply cannot be fitted to these political agreements. The security of the United States has been placed in grave jeopardy by the communist appeasers in the State Department.

For example, take Spain and Western Germany. They were left out of the North Atlantic Pact for purely political reasons.

Every military man knows, that an armed Germany, under allied supervision is indispensable to block the present open road to the English Channel. Every military man knows, that an armed Spain with its mountainous boundary is indispensable, to the free world in maintaining a foothold in Europe should war come.

And, while I am on this point, Senator Bob Taft favored bringing Spain and Western Germany into the Western Europe Defense network. Because of his votes to stop Communism in Western Europe, his opponents are heaping upon him all the abuse they can muster in true communist style. They don't like Bob Taft because Bob Taft's record shows he has fought the communists every inch of the war.

Now, at long last, at this late hour, with Eastern Germany armed to the teeth by Russia and hundreds of Russian divisions backing them up to the East, Dear Acheson, piously observes that Western Germany should now be armed. He knows that if Russia invades Western Germany tomorrow, the proof of the futility of years of failure will come in a dismembered Europe and the long rows of the dead.

With five years lost and Western Germany's industrial capacity wantonly dismantled and destroyed, some of it going to Russia and her satellites to improve their war potential, it will take years to make up for the lost time, and compounding of mistakes made by Mr. Acheson.

Your Congress authorized and directed that a loan be made to anti-communist Spain, and the President signed it; but he has flatly refused to permit the loan to be made. Again you see a political commitment, (Russian appeasement, if you please), taking precedence over our own security.

Now, fellow-Americans, whose actions are aiding the Communists, the votes of Bob Taft, or the policies of the Truman Administration?

Here's another example of Russian appeasement. Remember how scrap iron was sent to Japan, where it was processed and came back in the form of bullets to kill our young men in the Islands of the Pacific? We Republicans made strenuous efforts to stop United States economic and financial assistance to foreign countries that continue to ship articles and commodities useful in the manufacture of arms, armament, and military materiel to Soviet Russia and her satellites.

For two and one-half years, the ECA Administrator has had full authority to stop these shipments by the Merchants of Death; but he has failed to act, and it is common knowledge that these shipments are increasing by leaps and bounds.

So, the Socialists that run the Truman Administration have done nothing to stop the Socialists that run Great Britain and other ECA countries from helping Socialist Soviet Russia build her war machine.

The Senate unanimously adopted the so-called Wherry amendment to put an end to this damnable trade, but the President and Secretary of State turned loose all of their forces to misrepresent and discredit the provisions of this amendment.

In all my years of experience, I have never seen such a vicious campaign of untruth by the propagandists within the Truman Administration, and there are more than 20,000 of them. Oh, don't be deceived, they passed an amendment, but it is just as full of loopholes as the present law; and it was done on the theory that we should not write any conditions into an appropriation bill cutting off our aid to these countries that are doing business in war materials directly with Russia and her satellites.

Now, who is appeasing Russia, Bob Taft and the Republicans in Congress, or the Administration?

All of these secret political commitments are incompatible with our national security. They nullify the soldier's preparedness plans. Regardless of how you feel about the work of Louis Johnson, former Secretary of Defense, that is why he resigned. His patriotic conscience prevented him, from being a patsy for Mr. Acheson. General MacArthur and Secretary Acheson are in conflict over the General's warning that Formosa must not be allowed to fall into unfriendly hands.

We now have a new Secretary of Defense. We respect and honor General Marshall for his military contribution to his country, but we regret his ventures into international politics on the side of the appeasers of Communist Russia. If General Marshall agrees with Mr. Acheson, that MacArthur is wrong about Formosa, then, Fellow-Americans, prepare for a smear campaign to make General MacArthur walk the plank, behind former Secretary Johnson, and all others who have defied Mr. Acheson.

Thank God for General MacArthur!

There he stands in the Pacific, rugged sentinel for our liberty, a man who knows more about military, economic, and psychological conditions in the Orient than any other American. Under his brilliant generalship, our gallant, heroic troops have turned the tide of war in Korea toward victory; and away from the

devastating, humiliating defeat that threatened as a result of the Administration's failure to heed the warnings of the Central Intelligence Agency.

And, these warnings, made by this official agency, that were transmitted to the responsible officials of government, are now sealed in the vault of the Senate Appropriations Committee. But, fellow-Americans, unless we are vigilant, the Acheson clique will rob us, and the free world, of the victory and smashing defeat for the tyrants of Moscow.

For months, the Secretary of State has been paving the way for a Stalin face-saver, by pussy-footing on the matter of United Nations recognition of the Communist usurpers in China.

Think of it, Acheson's announced official position is, that the United States will neither support nor oppose UN recognition of Communist China; but that if a majority of the Security Council wants to recognize these bandits, the United States will offer no objection.

Why, Mr. President, how can we fight the expansion of communism, draft our boys to die on the battlefield, and at the same time follow out the policies of this architect of our foreign policy to recognize these Red Communists, just as we recognized the Red Russia way back in 1933?

There is only one solution if there is to be any peace in this world: the sins of Yalta, Teheran and Potsdam, must be washed away.

Mr. Acheson, the bungler, must go!

Elect a Republican Congress next November, and Mr. Acheson will go!

Then, there is W. Averill Harriman, who sits at the right hand of President Truman, as his Chief Co-ordinator of Foreign Policies. He is supposed to co-ordinate the co-ordinators. Mr. Harriman did his purge chore the other day for the President and labor racketeers. He boasted of how he had had many heart-to-heart talks with Joe Stalin, how he told Joe and how Joe told him, good old friends, all hunky-dory, with the tyrant dictator having absolute faith, confidence, and trust in him.

Is it because of this relationship that Mr. Harriman had the effontery to dredge from the gutter his attack upon the patriotism of Senator Bob Taft? Why, if every Member of Congress, who has voted against an Administration foreign policy is to be purged as a tool of the Kremlin, most of the leaders of the Democrat Party would now be in the doghouse. As for Mr. Harriman, the futility of his flitting back and forth to his pals in Moscow, is written in the graves of the honored dead in Korea, and in the anxious hearts of the mothers and fathers, and the families of young men answering the call to the colors.

As a co-ordinator of foreign policies, Mr. Harriman's typically communist-style attack — backed by the President — is further evidence that the Administration has reached the point where it refuses to tolerate honest differences of opinion on foreign policy.

Harriman must go! And, he will go after the people elect a Republican Congress next November.

To win the peace, in our dealings with foreign countries, we need new leadership. But what is of equal importance we must stop communism within our gates. The most important, constructive measure passed by this Congress was the McCarran-Mundt-Ferguson anti-communist bill. The Administration, and its followers in Congress, fought it right down to the final roll call.

They put on a 26 hour filibuster to try to prevent a vote on overriding the President's veto; but it was passed, thank goodness, over the President's indefensible veto, by a vote of 286 to 47 in the House of Representatives, and 57 to 10 in the Senate.

This was a thorough repudiation by the elected representatives of the people, of this Administration's coddling of communists.

This vote was a repudiation of the Tydings' white-wash committee that said there was not a communist in the Department of State.

When the Republican Congress takes over, there will be a thorough house-cleaning in Washington. The communists and their fronts, whether high or low in government, will be flushed out and separated from the government.

Further, on the constructive side, we Republicans, in Congress, blocked passage of the Administration's socialistic Brannan Plan to Sovietize the farmers; the Spence Bill for permanent government control of industry, agriculture, and labor; socialized medicine; and, we blocked the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act.

We held the line to preserve the free enterprise system of America, and to preserve the rights of the rank and file of working men against their domineering, power-hungry union bosses.

But, if Harry Truman gets the kind of Congress he wants next November, you will be legislated right into straitjacket socialism. The Republican program is a constructive, sound American program. The Republican Party believes in America believes in our way of life, and believes in presenting a platform to you, where the issues are clearly drawn.

Let those who believe in the radical, alien, philosophy that guides the motives and acts of the present Administration, get into their corner in his election campaign. And let those who believe in the principles that have made America great and strong and the best place on earth, get into our corner. There can be no compromise. They won't mix. One or the other will be destroyed. America cannot endure half slave and half free.

We Republicans pledge our unwavering efforts to correct the tragic mistakes of the Truman Administration, and its predecessor, mistakes that have bungled the peace that the explosions of World War II were to provide.

We pledge our continued advocacy and support of all measures necessary to train, arm, equip, and supply the armed forces, with the best munitions, health care, and morale sustainers that American inventive skill, resources, and industry can provide to the end that victory in Korea will be overwhelming.

To the mothers and fathers and relatives of the men and women in the Armed Forces, we pledge our utmost efforts to provide care for the wounded, the widows, orphans, and dependents, and to see that when our gallant service men and women come marching home, their contribution to the colors shall be properly recognized.

We Republicans recognize that because of the war in Korea and the national defense effort now made necessary, because of the lost peace, there must be temporary, emergency measures.

We pledge removal of these controls at the earliest moment they no longer are necessary. You can depend upon that being done because we did repeal thousands upon thousands of old World War II controls in the Republican 80th Congress.

We Republicans promise to reduce your taxes as soon as the international situation warrants. You can depend upon that being done, because in the Republican 80th Congress, we did cut your taxes, balanced the budget, cut the national debt, and left an eight billion dollar Treasury surplus, which the spendthrift Truman Administration soon squandered.

We Republicans favor and will continue to work for legislation to see that farmers shall have fair prices for their commodities at the market places, aided by government price supports.

We Republicans are for the Taft-Hartley law, because experience under it, has refuted the wild claims and epithets that have been leveled against it by some labor leaders who want to dominate labor unions and kick around rank and file working men and women.

Fellow-Americans: These are the principles and policies for which we stand; and we have candidates who stand foursquare on these issues in the State of Ohio. This is the kind of leadership that you will get from Don Ebright, when he becomes Governor of the State of Ohio.

This is the kind of representation you will continue to have, when you re-elect Congressman John Vorys and George Bender, with the largest majorities you have ever given them, and send them back to Congress in 1951. We need them now more than ever before.

In the Senate, we want you to send back to us, Bob Taft to work with John Bricker. They are two great Americans, honest, able, fearless, and they are standing foursquare against the forces of evil.

I come here as one who has been associated with these two Senators for many years, and I can testify to the high regard in which they are held by the United States Senate. The eyes of the country are focused on the State of Ohio.

The election of these Republican representatives in Ohio and across the Nation, means the life of America.

This is the most crucial election in the history of our country. The fate of the Republic is in the balance. The issues are in your hands. We hope and pray you will do your job and do it well so that America may continue to be great and strong, and the hope and inspiration of freedom-loving people everywhere; America victorious!

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