Our Policies
In Korea

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A negotiated peace in Korea appears, at the moment, to be imminent. If, and when, hostilities are stopped we must not be led to believe that this is an example of "peace at any price," nor need we console ourselves with any admission such as "He who fights and runs away still lives to fight another day."

We, as a nation, made two mistakes in the Korean affair.

Had we entered into the defense of South Korea after making it plain to the nations of the world that we proposed to defend that country against aggression, had the action of the Communist forces of North Korea been in defiance of our ultimatum, then, not only then, would we have been justified in committing ourselves to the bloody sacrifice of our sons to such preservation of the world's peace. Our entrance into the struggle, however, was made after we had previously withdrawn all military aid from South Korea even though we were fully aware of the aggressive intentions of that country's northern neighbor, and constituted a complete reversal of policy on our part. Our leaders hastily made the fateful decision apparently with little sober consideration of the consequences and pressured other members of the United Nations into becoming token co-belligerents in an unpopular crusade.

Our second mistake was in not winning the war. The greatest general in our armed forces would have achieved victory in a few short months had he not been prevented from doing so by our ever blundering State Department. Gen. MacArthur was dismissed from his command because he would not keep silent as he was forced to sacrifice the flesh and blood of American boys in a war he was not allowed to win. Even now, with the North Korean army little more than a remnant, our leaders refuse to permit decisive action against the real enemy, the Chinese Reds.

Let's make a truce and come home. Let's make ours the mightiest nation on earth by rearming ourselves and eliminating the blunderers and the sympathizers from our midst.

We must not, we cannot, continue the senseless slaughter of our youth and the dissipation of our resources.