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MR. FORD OF MICHIGAN

MR. SPEAKER - Two recent editorials on the international situation by A. C. Kuiper of the Grandville Star have come to my attention. I sincerely believe that the two editorials from Mr. Kuiper's weekly column entitled "The Leak in the Dike", should be thoughtfully read by my colleagues. Consequently at the conclusion of my remarks the editorials follow.

The views expressed by Mr. Kuiper are to the point and well written. He has made an accurate analysis of our diplomatic blunders of recent years, particularly those in the Far East. At the moment, however, I disagree on a point. In my estimation, it would be unwise to use the atomic bomb on Russia until our military strength is sufficient to prevent retaliation in kind. We know, or at least our President and our intelligence reports indicate, that Russia has the atomic bomb and the Communists have the ability to attack our homeland with this devastating weapon. When our military preparedness is such that we could adequately thwart an atomic attack on the United States, then our country would be in a position to make use of the bomb on Russia providing, of course, Stalin and his associates refuse to stop their tactics of worldwide aggression.

