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MR. SPEAKER, the U.N. has a solemn obligation to brand the Chinese Communist regime as aggressors in Korea. Our State Department has finally faced the facts by the introduction of such a resolution. There can be no equivocation on this move but will that be enough? Obviously no. I strongly urge that the following steps be taken by us and our allies in the Far East. If not our troops should be evacuated from Korea immediately.

First and foremost we must bomb the Chinese Communist supply bases in China itself. The White House, the Department of State and some in the Pentagon have for some unknown reason withheld such badly needed aid to our land forces in Korea. How can the Commander-in-Chief justify a ban against Air Force bombing of vital targets in China proper? With our valiant troops pressed to the breaking point, such a restriction on our Air Force is totally unwarranted.

The following information has recently come to my attention and illustrates how unwise some of our top policy decisions can be. The Chinese Communists have at Mukden the largest and most efficient arsenal in the Far East. Reports indicate that this arsenal now supplies, and has for some time supplied the Chinese Communist ground troops with practically all of their weapons. One all-out bombing raid by our vastly superior air strength would destroy this arsenal. The benefits to our hard pressed G.I.s in Korea would be tremendous. Why won't the President, the State Department and the Pentagon give General MacArthur the right to strike at the very heart of the Chinese Communist strength? There is no satisfactory answer. While the casualty lists steadily mount, our diplomats talk by the hour. Congress and the American public should not tolerate this situation any longer.



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Give General MacArthur the "go signal" and destroy this arsenal and other Communist supply bases.

In addition to all-out bombing of the Chinese Communist strategic targets such as the Mukden arsenal, the U. S. Navy and other U.N. naval units should impose a blockade on the coast of China. The Chinese Nationalist forces under Chiang Kai-Shek should be supplied with military equipment and from bases in Formosa should be permitted to attack and invade the Chinese mainland. This "second front" in China is long overdue.

The fallacy of fighting the hordes of Asia ^{on the ground} is obvious. We are bleeding ourselves to death which is just what Stalin wants us to do. It is utter stupidity to continue such a policy when we are not fighting with both fists. For too long a time our State Department has pursued a policy towards the Chinese Communists of "an olive branch in one hand and a half loaded pistol in the other."

A long overdue showdown is imminent in the United Nations. The fate of the U.N. may hang in the balance on the vote on this resolution by the United States which seeks to brand Red China as ruthless aggressors. If our alleged allies fail to support the United States in this crucial hour we should forthwith withdraw from the organization. The facts are clear cut and if the members in the U.N. run out now, any hope for the free world in that organization must be abandoned.

