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Seven years have eaten their way into

the promising future which has become a blighted past for the people of Poland. Seven years ago the United States signed the ignominious agreement with ^Russia which sealed the doom of Poland. Now, indelibly marked in the memories and hearts of the Polish people, their relatives and friends, is the date of February 11, the anniversary of the Yalta Pact.

Gambling with the futures of people who depended on us, trusted us, we bargained with Russia and lost. Russia wanted and peremptorily demanded the cession of Poland into her control. The United States acquiesced and Poland was dropped into the open jaws of the greedy Russians. The tragic history of Poland through the recent years is a constant reproach to the American people. What recompense have we to offer for this betrayal of our friends?

Committee investigations are now exposing the awful truth concerning the terrible atrocities of the Katyn massacre, just another incident to help us realize the full impact of our violation of Poland's trust. The ruthless conduct

of in Russia in the countries which fall into her pattern of conquest has been known for some time, and has the further corroboration of witnesses now testifying in the committee hearings. How can we afford any more appeasement to this obviously predatory nation?

Russia knows no compromise, Why must we surrender to her every wish? Why do we feel which soothe her as we would pacify a petulant child? Russia continues to make demands, refuses to relent, to yield an inch. It is now about time we took the reins. It is now about time we stood firm, stated <u>our</u> conditions and let Russia meet <u>our</u> terms.

needs, the oppressed nations behind the Iron Curtain still look hopefully toward the United States. They have no other recourse. In the name of the freedom upon which this nation was built and the freedom for which we stand, for which we are ready to fight and die, can there be any doubt as to our course of action. The United States stands as the champion of free people the

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world over. It would not only be to our discredit and to our

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of another disgraceful concession such as the Yalta agreement Q evil consequences would be our responsibility.

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no agreements, merely flouts them in our faces showing in up ing we have learned through painful experience. She respects

lyco I menkind. If the stipulations of an agreement

are not sacred to its parties why waste the time to draw preperl

them up and sign them. What do we fear? At this very moment

we are losing fathers, brothers, husbands by the hundreds in

Korea. Yet we are not at war?

This anniversary of the humiliating bargain

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