

for the workers and peasants. But those changes merely bait the hook of ultimate slavery. That would certainly be the case in Korea, if the northern communists ever conquered that country. Our intervention in Korea, on the other hand, and we must never cease to underline this, even while the fighting is going on, is solely for the purpose of restoring peace and establishing a free, self-governing unified Korea.

If we can make that clear we will defeat Russian propaganda and we will get the strong support, not only of the Korean people, but of Asian people generally. For that purpose, I think it would be useful if the United Nations were to establish a small commission to work out with representatives of the Republic of Korea, plans for a government of a free and united Korea, once the fighting has ceased in that unhappy land. I am afraid that more will be required in present circumstances than a return to the status quo. To determine what more should be required is, I think, primarily the responsibility and, indeed, the privilege of Asian members of the United Nations. For that purpose, if a commission of the kind I have suggested were formed, I think it would be wise to have the majority of the commission from Asia. We get, these days, a lot of good advice from Asian leaders on the handling of Asian problems. This would be a good occasion to offer them responsibility for translating this advice into action.

From what I have said, you will have gathered that, in my view, the situation in Asia is serious and, indeed, explosive. It is, however, only one sector in the front against communist aggression, and we would be making a fatal mistake if our concentration on that sector caused us to be indifferent to what is going on elsewhere. Fortunately in Europe and in North America, there is no such indifference. The free peoples are now aroused, and are ready for the sacrifices and the effort which we must now make if we are to be able to defend ourselves against the threat of communist aggression. In the present unhappy condition of a divided world, our best chance of peace lies in strength: military, economic and moral strength, not for attack, but for defence, so that he who would disturb the peace will look, listen and stop.

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