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Hon. Gerald R. Ford,
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My dear Mr. Ford:

Your Extension of Remarks entitled "A 'Debacle' For Votes" is returned herewith in compliance with Section 135, Title 44, U. S. Code, as it contains a duplication of an Extension of Hon. Andrew F. Schoepel, of Kansas, appearing in the Appendix of the Record of December 13 on page A8110.

Very truly yours,
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MR. SPEAKER: The Kansas City Star recently republished an editorial by W. L. White of the Emporia Gazette, and because there is considerable merit to the ideas expressed in Mr. White's comments I include the material as a part of my remarks.



A 'DEBACLE' FOR VOTES

W. L. WHITE SEES POLITICS IN THE KOREAN MESS.

Truman Regime Used War in an Attempt to Still Party's Communist Scandal, He Says.

(By The Star's Own Service.)

Emporia, Kas., Dec. 9.—"Six months have gone by, and where are we?" W. L. White asks in an editorial in the Emporia Gazette. The editorial goes on:

"The total number of Americans killed, wounded and captured in Korea to date make this the fourth bloodiest struggle in our nation's history—surpassing in casualties the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican war and the Spanish-American war.

"And the goal of it all? Well, it seems there should be free elections in Korea. But why did we wake up to the value of free elections so late? Why, when we were powerful, did we not insist on free elections in Poland, in Hungary, in Romania, in Yugoslavia, in Czechoslovakia, in East Germany, and in the Baltic states? . . . Why do we suddenly begin to shriek for a free election in Korea, a backward country which, in all its 3,000 years of history, never has had free elections nor seemed particularly to miss them?

Uneasy Over the Whitewash.

"But you forget political considerations. Last spring Republican Senator Joseph McCarthy had aired his charges against Owen Lattimore, including a number of which Dr. Lattimore probably was innocent. The martyred St. Owen of Lattimore was declared politically pure and ideologically virginal by Millard Tydings and the other Senate Democrats, and promptly sat down to write of his 'Ordeal by Slander.' But the country was uneasy. For obviously much had been smothered under whitewash or suppressed, including the smelly Amerasia case. . . .

"At this moment there came what seemed to be, from the political standpoint, the Heavensent opportunity of Korea. It promised to be a quick, popular little war against a weak enemy, and in behalf of the true, the beautiful and the good. The unbearable vulgarities of Joe McCarthy would be drowned out by bugle and drum. Who then would dare say the Truman administration was not firmly anti-Communist? And so into Korea were sent not Dr. Lattimore, not Dean Acheson—but the little American draftees from Japan. The frailties of our statesmen were to be glossed over by the blood (in modest quantities) of our sons.

"Most Humiliating Spectacle."

"We are therefore now at war in Asia, and furthermore, our outnumbered soldiers are now hightailing it down the valleys of Korea in the most humiliating spectacle the American flag ever has flapped over since the Battle of Bull Run! How did we get into it? Somewhere in the bookcase you surely must have a copy of that half-forgotten document, the Constitution of the United States. Pull it out and in the fine type you will find that the Congress and only the Congress shall have power to declare war and make peace."

"But don't be old-fashioned. That cumbersome contraction of representative government was set up by those old luddy-duddies, our founding fathers. A congressional debate on whether or not to go into Korea would have meant weeks of delay; in the end Congress might have decided to stay out altogether! "Readers of this column will remember that the Gazette was in favor of standing up to Stalin as early as five years ago when our truly magnificent armies were still intact, and when

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For an hour of good music, tune in Armour Motors Sunday salon hour, 10:00 this morning, KCKN.—Adv.

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Harry S Truman was a happy fellow-traveler who had not yet discovered the horrid Soviet menace.

Guideposts to Future Policy.

"In view of this fact the writer presumes now to list five guideposts to a future American foreign policy. These are:

(1) Since we are now pitifully weak, we should for the moment avoid hopping carelessly into wars which we cannot hope to win.

(2) We should not concentrate all our forces in one distant isolated spot. Almost everything we have is now packed into Korea; if hell should break out in Europe, we have left only the 82nd airborne division to put between Stalin's 300 divisions and the Atlantic ocean.

(3) We should avoid war to capture regions which are strategically worthless and which, if we won them, would be a future liability.

(4) When we are losing a war in a distant area, we should not be offended when a nearby ally offers help. (Stalin is winning this Korean war without the loss of a single Russian life, whereas Dean Acheson virtuously turned down Chiang Kai-shek's offer to send 200,000 anti-Communist Chinese fighting men into Korea; Mr. Acheson felt this might offend those peace-loving agrarian reformers, the Chinese Communists).

(5) Until we are stronger (should Moscow allow us the time to get stronger) we should try to cut to a bare minimum the number of wars we enter solely to win local American elections.

Need Wisdom of a Lincoln.

"The writer feels that we are now entering a period of terrible stress, in which, if this nation and all Christendom are to survive, we will need the same steady wisdom, solid character and firm courage that our people had in Lincoln's day. As a flabby, rich and stupid nation we cannot hope to survive. We can no longer continue fat, dumb and happy, babbling that this is the Century of the Common Man, electing to high office any grinning dummy who will pledge himself to bribe us with paper dollar subsidies paid out of our own public treasury, stupidly believing that if the Kremlin cannot be appeased, then it can be quickly licked in a bloodless, push-button war.

"If we are to come through the next grim half of this twentieth century still a republic of free people we will need all of our courage and brains. We cannot hope to survive the storm with a government which is by the nincompoops, of the bird-brains, and for the greedy dim-wits! Because of its follies such a government will surely and deservedly perish from the earth, and all the sane and all the brave will be crunched in the wreckage of its crash."