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~~of course~~ In New York last month I heard a Congressman speak on America's China policy, and in the last two months Senator Claude Pepper delivered two historic speeches on the floor of the Senate which every American should read. You should write ~~xxx~~ to Senator Pepper for copies of his speeches, read and seriously think about them, for they concern the future of all of us. They dealt not so much with China, but with our entire foreign policy.

I support most of you do not read PM, yet this morning PM carried the full text of a C. B. C. broadcast from Shanghai which contained some of the most serious problems facing our policy toward China.

~~xxx~~This broadcast stated that Chinese are saying that "America's attempt to hold back the tides of history" in China, has failed. The Government which we recognize and support, it stated, has "attained an almost complete record" of inefficiency, corruption, and decay. There is wholesale corruption by Chinese officials in UNRRA supplies, and hostility to the Chinese Government is voiced by all classes of Chinese, including business men, and that American business men ~~xxx~~ are also joining in this hostility. American loans to China, the broadcast stated, have been misused, and ~~the~~ the present Kuomintang government can exist only if American troops remain and are increased.

From people in Washington I have heard that our Government has now decided to support Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his set-up, regardless of what ~~it~~ they do. I heard that General George Marshall, our ambassador to China conveyed the request of ~~the~~ that government for an American loan of \$500,000,000, with other aid. I heard that we are planning to

China past stones of
 sell ~~that~~ ~~government~~ American surplus military
 equipment in all Pacific naval bases.

Perhaps you think that poor China ~~is~~
 needs this help.

The Chinese public knows well that China
 needs help, but for months Chinese public
 organizations have been cabling appeals to
 our country to withdraw American troops from
 their country, charging that they are
 responsible for civil war. ~~They~~

Only last month public organizations
 and individuals in China cabled our country
 protesting the projected loan of \$500,000,000
 or any other aid to China until there is
 a coalition democratic government which could
 administer such loans and other aid honestly
 and efficiently.

I believe ~~that~~ with the deepest
 conviction that if we grant this \$500,000,000
~~loan~~ loan and give other aid to ~~the~~
 China before there is a coalition democratic
 Government, that we will be lighting the flames
 of a nation-wide civil war, and that this civil
 war will light the flames of a third world war.

I place no faith whatever in public
 statements of President Truman or our military
 representatives in China, and everything that
 Generalissimo Chiang or his government says
 is just so much hot air. I ~~have~~ watched that
 Government for 12 years, and it has not changed
 its spots. Every statement it makes about
 democracy in China is intended to ~~silence~~
 silence American public opinion about it.
 Toward the Chinese people it uses guns and the
 knife, ~~and~~ with us they use fine phrases.
 And we seem remarkably gullible.