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An Oration

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...Most of us are convinced, I believe, that our nation is not in immediate danger of military conquest....

Despite melodramatic headline writers who magnify every Russian propaganda claim into a glorious new success, we have the assurance by the leader of all allied forces in World War II that our military establishment is the most powerful the world has ever known.

No man who looks carefully and thoughtfully about him, however, can sanely conclude that we are equally or even comparably safe on the domestic front--the home front--the front on which every major Communist leader from Marx to Khrushchev has predicted we would lose, and by that loss assure, from within, our national destruction.

Developments of the present and the recent past give distressing assurance that we are moving clearly and rapidly in the exact direction our mortal enemies have prophesied would lead to our total defeat. You know the story--a trend toward national insolvency which already has destroyed more than half the purchasing power of our money and created a public debt larger than the debts of all other nations of the earth combined--a federal tax system patterned directly on Marxian principles, the usurpation of more and more power by a bigger and bigger central government; the gradual destruction of personal incentive and the increasing frustration of those who would create new wealth and new jobs; the complete or partial dependence of half of our population on checks from the national treasury; the decline of individual patriotism and public morality to a point where cynical union monopolists can force the weekly wages of missile base workers to levels higher than the earnings of the Secretary of Defense, and where employers can treat government contracts as special licenses for extortion of the taxpayer....

Fortunately, this same front--the home front--is the one where you and I can be truly effective, where each can fight and win his own individual battle, and where together we can constitute the difference between national survival and certain defeat.

Fortunately, also, there are enough patriots still left in this land to do the job--enough, that is, if we have the zeal, and gumption to get on with it--if we are willing and ready to fight with even half the determination, fervor, and selflessness of a dedicated Communist.

Do you know what a Communist agrees to do in order to be a member in good standing? He agrees to accept any assignment that may be given him. He agrees, on demand, to leave his family and disappear from his neighborhood in order to work under a new identity in a distant locality. He agrees, in short, to subordinate his every personal wish in devotion to his cause.

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