
"The request to the Congress by President Eisenhower regarding Formosa is a wise action. It comes before the horse is stolen, and might prevent the later necessity of trying to lock the barn door on an empty stable.

"Letting the Communists know now that the United States is willing to fight, if necessary, to preserve the peace and to keep our commitments to our allies may well have two beneficial effects:

"It may prevent the Chinese Reds not only from encroachment on Formosa and the Pecadore Islands but also from pursuing some other coarse that would endanger the free world.

"It should knit the Western World more closely against Communism because the United States thus assumes a role of real leadership.

"Every right-thinking American hates the thought of conflict between nations, but we must not permit aggressors to gain the false impression that patience is weakness. I believe the passage of the proposed resolution will make it absolutely clear that we keep our patience because it is backed by strength and determination. That kind of patience will never be regarded as appeasement.

"So long as nations will negotiate in the United Nations or elsewhere in good faith, we must seek to keep the peace through such negotiations. But the United States must not be blind to the realities of international relations. We cannot disregard broken promises and overt acts of aggression.

"A resolution by the Congress should serve as a warning and a deterrent."