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An Open Letter to President Nixon

America became the greatest country on earth not because of her wealth or power but because of the ideals she represented. America was created out of all nationalities, races, and creeds; we have been uniquely blessed by God with material abundance not for our own extravagance, but to fulfill our responsibility in leading the less fortunate nations of the world.

Because we have been repeatedly willing to sacrifice our national interests for the good of the world, we have set a pattern of enlightened service. In World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam we have demonstrated our belief that there can be no peace which is not accompanied by freedom.

Freedom can only be preserved by a national willingness to pay the price required. That willingness can only be inspired by dedicated and visionary leaders. Times of crisis in the past have always called out the greatness in America's leadership. We are again standing at a crossroads where greatness is once again required.

We need leaders who will tell us the reality of the situation in Asia, the brutal reality of Communism, and the hard facts of what our role must be if we are to defend and maintain the free nations of Asia.

We are shocked that you not only have failed to alert the American people to the totalitarian nature of the regime in Peking, but through many expressions of warmth implied your endorsement of that government.

We are further stunned that with the eyes of the whole free world watching, you did not underscore our commitment to defend the nations of Free Asia, especially the Republic of China, but in fact made them deliberately more vague.

Mr. President, there can be no peace obtained by compromising away our morality or ideals. Only by resolutely standing for what we know to be truth and justice can we in victory obtain a stable peace or in defeat proudly face our end without blemish.

WE WANT TO BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ACTING IN GOOD FAITH, BUT UNLESS YOU RECONFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO PAY ANY PRICE IN THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM YOU HAVE DECEIVED US AND FAILED US.

WE WILL NOT REST IN THE STRUGGLE FOR VICTORY OVER COMMUNISM AND FOR A HARMONIOUS, UNITED WORLD. MR. PRESIDENT, WHERE DO YOU STAND?

THE FREEDOM LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION
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FLF PROTESTS ILLUSORY DETENTE

by Neil Salonen

Those who had any real sense of how greatly the Nixon trip to China weakened our Asian allies and further confused the general American public were even more stunned at the communique following that visit. Even worse than what was said was the obvious omission of any reaffirmation of our defense commitment to the Republic of China (Taiwan). With the whole world watching to see what the Nixon Doctrine really means in practice this omission is unhappily reminiscent of former Secretary of State Dean Acheson's failure to state explicitly our commitment to the defense of Korea—a failure which contributed heavily to the miscalculated Communist decision to invade the South and thus begin the Korean War.

By sidestepping the issue of the true nature of the regime in Peking and failing adequately to inform the American people of the irreconcilable ideological differences between our nations, President Nixon has now done exactly what the Communists would hope for—morally disarm the American public by confusing them, both ideologically and strategically. Should the leaders in Peking again shift back to their "hard line," Washington would find it hard to reverse its policy because of a naively pro-Peking public of its own creation.

Columnist William F. Buckley, Jr. said, "We have lost... any sense of moral mission in the world... He (Nixon) toasted the bloodiest, most merciless Chief of State in the world... in accents most of us reserve for Florence Nightingale." China expert Freda Utley added that the greatest loss from the President's visit was to whatever hopes the 800 million Chinese people—now enslaved by the Peking dictatorship—might have had for assistance in their struggle for freedom. In seeing us consent to deal with their rulers, the Chinese people no longer have anyone (save possibly the Nationalist Chinese) upon whom they can rest that hope, dim as it may have been.

The unsettling parallels of this visit with the catastrophic Chamberlain-Hitler Munich Pact keep coming more sharply into focus, including the naive prediction of "Peace in Our Time." (The President's frequent weakness for rosy overstatement recently led Japanese Prime Minister Sato to comment sarcastically, "If HE says this was the most historic meeting of the Century, then it must be so!")

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Unwilling to add silent assent to all this, about 100 local FLF members in Washington, D. C. mobilized on a few hours notice and planned to meet outside the gate of Andrews Air Force Base to be on hand when the President returned. We were further irked by the very obvious White House effort to stage a "spontaneous" welcome, announcing through the press that the public would not be admitted and at the same time widely urging Federal Government employees to attend, issuing volumes of free passes and busing in Republicans from as far away as Delaware.

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WELCOME AT ANDREWS

7,000 Greet Nixon On Return From Trip

By LANCE GAY

Star Staff Writer

Undaunted by a White House announcement that only those invited would be allowed into Andrews Air Force Base more than 7,000 cheering and flag-waving greeters crammed themselves into a huge hangar to welcome President Nixon home from his 20,395-mile trip to China.

"It's him, it's him," said a woman in the crowd as the U.S. Navy Band struck up ruffles and flourishes and "Hail to the Chief," while the blue-and-white presidential jet, "Spirit of '76" pulled onto the ramp in front of the hangar, drowning out applause, yells and screams.

A smattering of demonstrators unfurled placards and raised umbrellas to protest what they said was Nixon's "sell-out" of Taiwan to Communist China. However, Air Force security personnel zeroed in on the small knots of peaceful demonstrators and ushered them out of the area.

No One Arrested

Those with "Welcome Home, President Nixon" banners and placards were not told to lower their signs or leave the hangar. "I can't get to everyone out here," said a security sergeant when asked why the pro-Nixon demonstrators were not approached.

Base officials said the pro-Taiwan protestors were only asked to leave and no one was arrested.

Few in the crowd, which included hundreds of government workers and their families—small children perched on their fathers' shoulders to see Nixon—could hear the President's 10-minute nationally televised arrival speech. But they yelled and applauded ecstatically when Nixon waved before climbing aboard the presidential helicopter for the 5-mile hop to the White House.

...Many persons in the welcoming group said they did not understand exactly what the joint U.S.-China communique meant as far as continuing U.S. support for Nationalist China is concerned. "I just don't know the full results of the trip," said Ken Smith of Temple Hills.

Tippy Harrison of District Heights said he and his friend, Ted Watson, were driving toward Clinton last night when they got tied up in the 2-mile traffic jam on the Capitol Beltway near the Andrews base.

"So I just popped in for a visit to find out what it was all about, and that's the truth," the 18-year-old said.

"Despite of what people say about him, he's (Nixon's) done what he had to do... his heart's in the right place and he's trying. It's time to go a little easier on him," Harrison said.

Compared to Chamberlain

However, representing the dissenting view, Neil Salonen, president of Freedom Leadership Foundation, said Nixon's return from China was analogous to Neville Chamberlain's return to England after obtaining the Munich Pact from Adolf Hitler.

"It's incredible that anyone can be as naive as he," Salonen said. "He doesn't recognize the danger of communism."

The foundation, one of the groups brandishing opened umbrellas, was dubbed the "Mary Poppins brigade" by some in the audience, who repeatedly told the demonstrators to "show a little respect — this isn't your show."

from the Washington Evening Star, Feb. 29



Is History Repeating Itself?



British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain arrives at Heston Airport from Munich, Sept. 30, 1938, holding the Munich Pact and proclaiming he had reached an accord with Nazi Germany which would bring "Peace in Our Time." (UPI Photo from files.)

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In scattered groups of about twenty, we began to circulate the *Open Letter* to President Nixon and tried to talk with those in attendance to explain the hard facts of our relationship with Communist China. As we talked, we carried raised umbrellas to dramatize the point that Nixon is in danger of following in Chamberlain's footsteps. To our surprise, we were ordered to put them down and were hustled out of the hangar by Secret Service agents. The "pro-Nixon" placards and demonstrators apparently were not subject to the same regulations.

We sought to make the President realize that there are many who are ready and willing to support him in leading our nation courageously against the forces of tyranny, but who are now really worried that he has either been deceived by our enemies or convinced that the public won't support a strong foreign policy. We believe that the American peoples look primarily to the Presidency for leadership in understanding this area. A frank effort to inform the people of the real costs of promoting freedom *compared to the costs of failing to do so*, would bring all the support that is needed and more.

If our activity contributed to this effort, then it was more than worthwhile.

FLF Launches New Public Speaking Campaign in Georgetown & University of Maryland

Washington area FLF activists invaded the radical strongholds of Georgetown and the University of Maryland with an intensive public speaking campaign to awaken America to the still-growing threat of Communism and America's responsibility to maintain its commitments to defend the Free World against Communist aggression.

Speaking on Wisconsin Avenue in the heart of Georgetown, FLF'ers were greeted with a variety of responses, ranging from the very positive and supportive to the extremely negative and threatening. Yet nearly everyone who said anything at all to the speakers seemed surprised that young people were willing to speak publicly on such a controversial issue.

The speakers criticized Communism from a theoretical and historical viewpoint, and proclaimed America's continued responsibility to live up to its commitments to defend the cause of freedom against the Communist menace and to foster the growth of liberty within the Communist world. FLF President Neil Salonen said the Georgetown campaign would continue indefinitely and expand to many other Washington areas.

At the University of Maryland campus, FLF Director Allen Wood and other members speak out daily, often having to cope with radical hecklers who have become increasingly threatened by FLF's determination to mobilize pro-freedom students on the otherwise radical-dominated campus. Wood reports good success in discussions with hundreds of students who approach the FLF members after being attracted by the public speaking program.

Sessions to train leaders in spreading the FLF ideology are currently being conducted several times a week at the newly opened FLF Training Center in Washington, D. C. Plans to send the FLF training crew to cities throughout the nation should materialize this summer. FLF affiliates in many other cities have urgently requested such a program of assistance, in order to be schooled in the techniques of organization, mobilization and ideological training which have proven so successful in campuses and communities coast to coast.

[We urge you to join us in this effort by contributing sacrificially to this new FLF offensive. These programs can expand only with your support. This Spring, let's take the INITIATIVE!!! Give to FLF, TODAY.]

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