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Senator McCarthy speaking:

At Teheran, at Yalta, at Potsdam, it was decided by us that all of the agony and blood and tears of the Polish people should be wasted. It was decided, it was decided that we would, we would turn our back upon the Christian people of Poland. There we decided, we decided to avoid righting the wrongs which we had previously committed.

An unusual thing happened in 1946 when the struggle between the communists and anti-communists was touch and go in Poland. The communists in Poland made a request for a ninety million dollar loan from the United States. The law firm -- and they must register here in Washington when a law firm represents a foreign government -- the law firm registered as the representative of the communists in Poland was the old Dean Acheson law firm. At that time Dean Acheson was in the State Department as assistant secretary of state. He appeared before a Senate committee, here a year ago last January, and under cross-examining reluctantly admitted that he, Dean Acheson, placed the final stamp of approval upon the loan to the communists in Poland. He admitted at that time that his law firm, of which he was not a member at that particular moment, was representing the communists -- that Donald Hiss was doing the work for them. Under further cross-examination admitted that the old Acheson law firm got a cut of fifty thousand dollars out of that loan. He said, "Of course I wasn't a part of the law firm then but my name was on the letterheads and on the door." Let's see if this were done blindly or not.

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At that time there was in Poland a great American -- Arthur Bliss Lane. Now Arthur Bliss Lane was not a member of the opposite party. He wasn't a Republican trying to embarrass a Democrat president. He was a good loyal Democrat and a good loyal American. He sent back repeated dispatches to the president and the State Department, begging the president, begging the State Department, not to make this loan of American dollars to the communists in Poland. Well, what happened? But first, let me if I may, read one of those dispatches which covers the entire picture rather thoroughly. Here's what Arthur Bliss Lane said in one of his secret dispatches -- secret then but public now. He says, "With the greatest earnestness of which I am capable, I beg the State Department not to approve the loan of American dollars to the communists in Poland at this time." He said this, he said, "When the terroristic activities of the communist secret police comes to an end, when freedom of the press is restored, and when American citizens are released from Polish prisons -- then and only then should we even remotely consider lending American dollars to Poland." Listen to this, still from Arthur Bliss Lane. He says that, "Of the ninety million dollars which the communists are asking for, fifty million will be earmarked to arm and equip the U.B. -- that was the communist secret police in Poland. And he said, "Mr. President, in heaven's name, don't allow Dean Acheson to make this loan."

Well what happened? The Acheson who wouldn't turn his back on Alger Hiss turned his back upon the Christian population of Poland. The loan was made. As a result, the communists took over in Poland. There we see, there we see, that we -- through our State Department -- put the guns, the clubs, the whips, and the blacksnakes into the hands of the communists so that they might subjugate Christian Poland.